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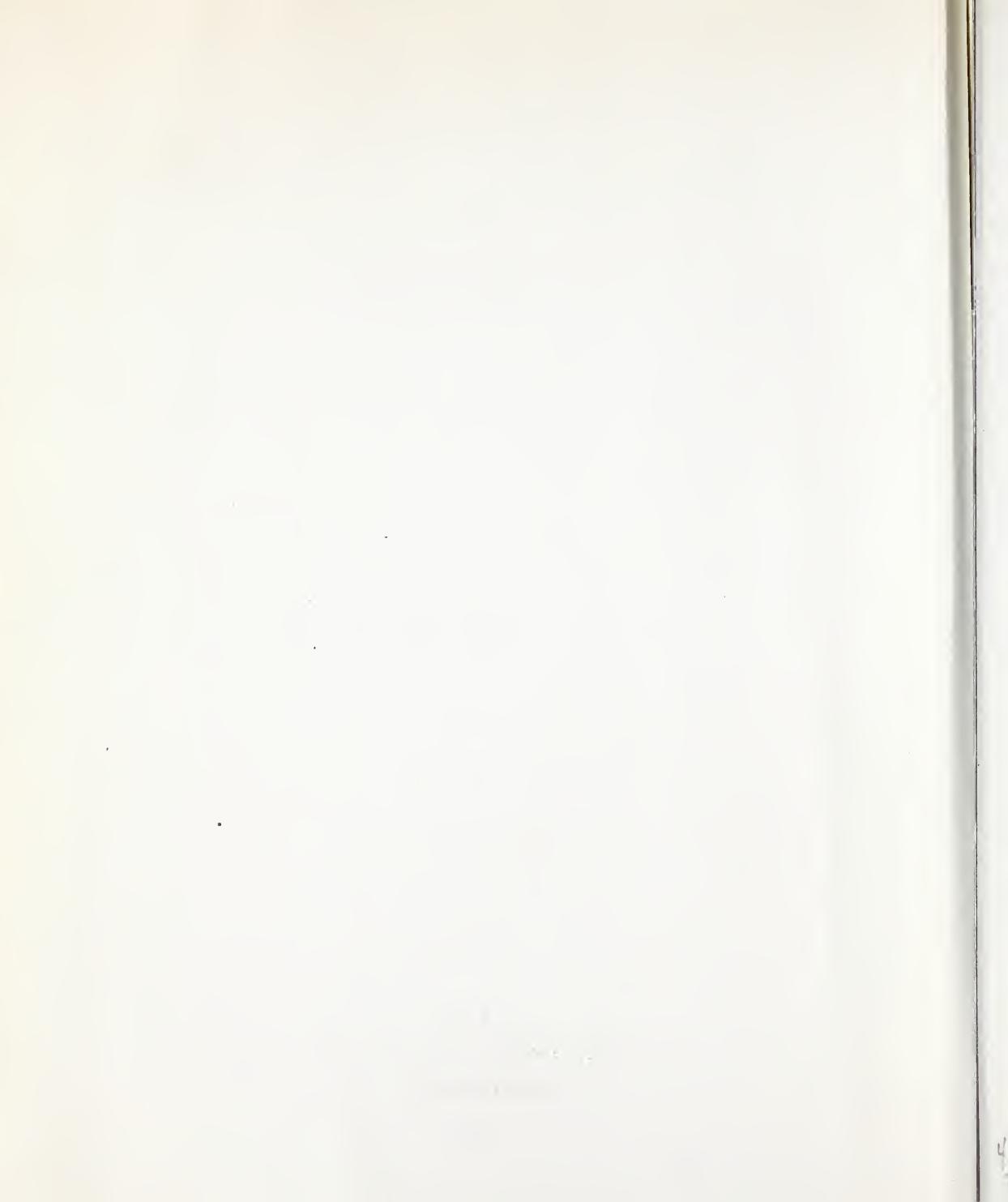
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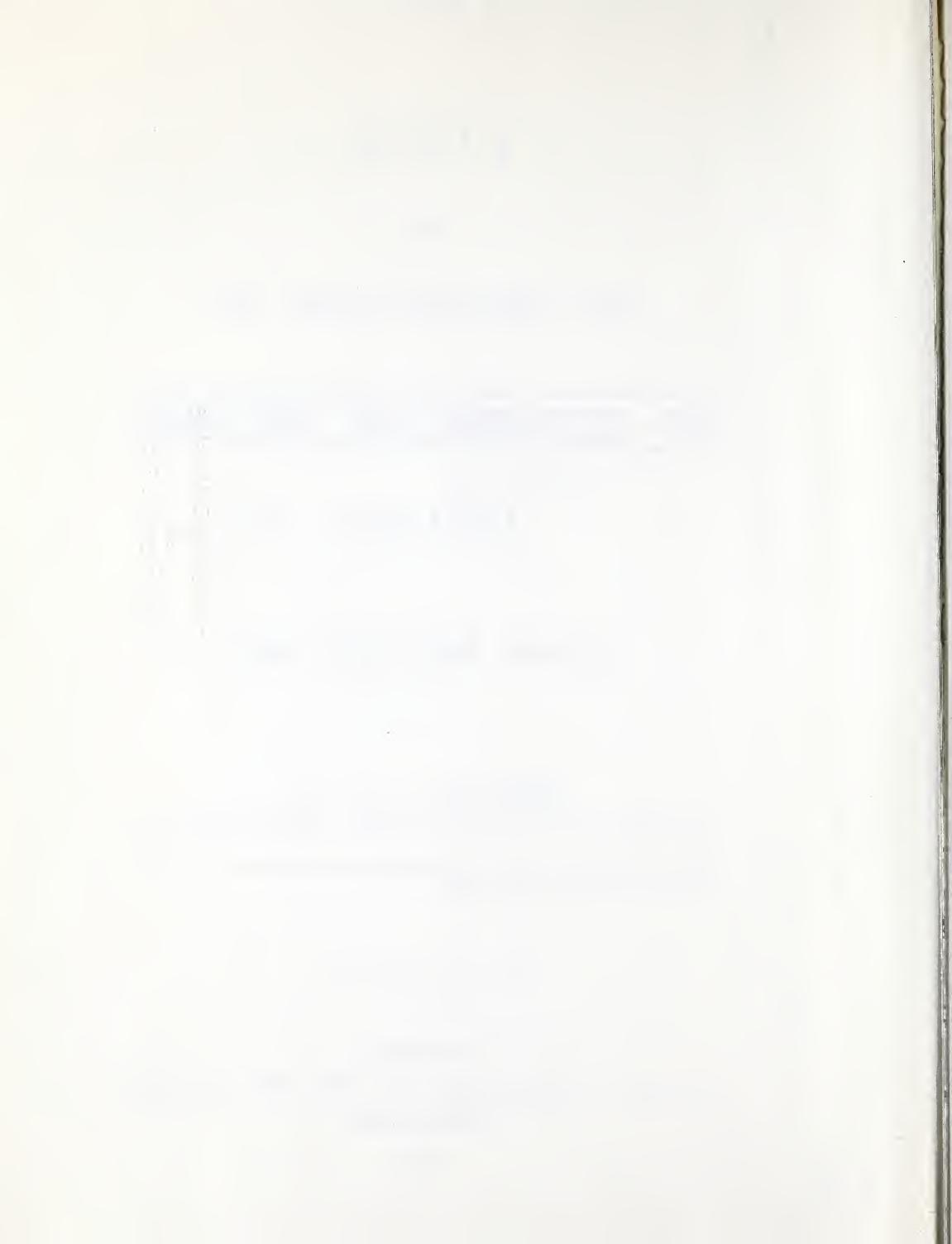
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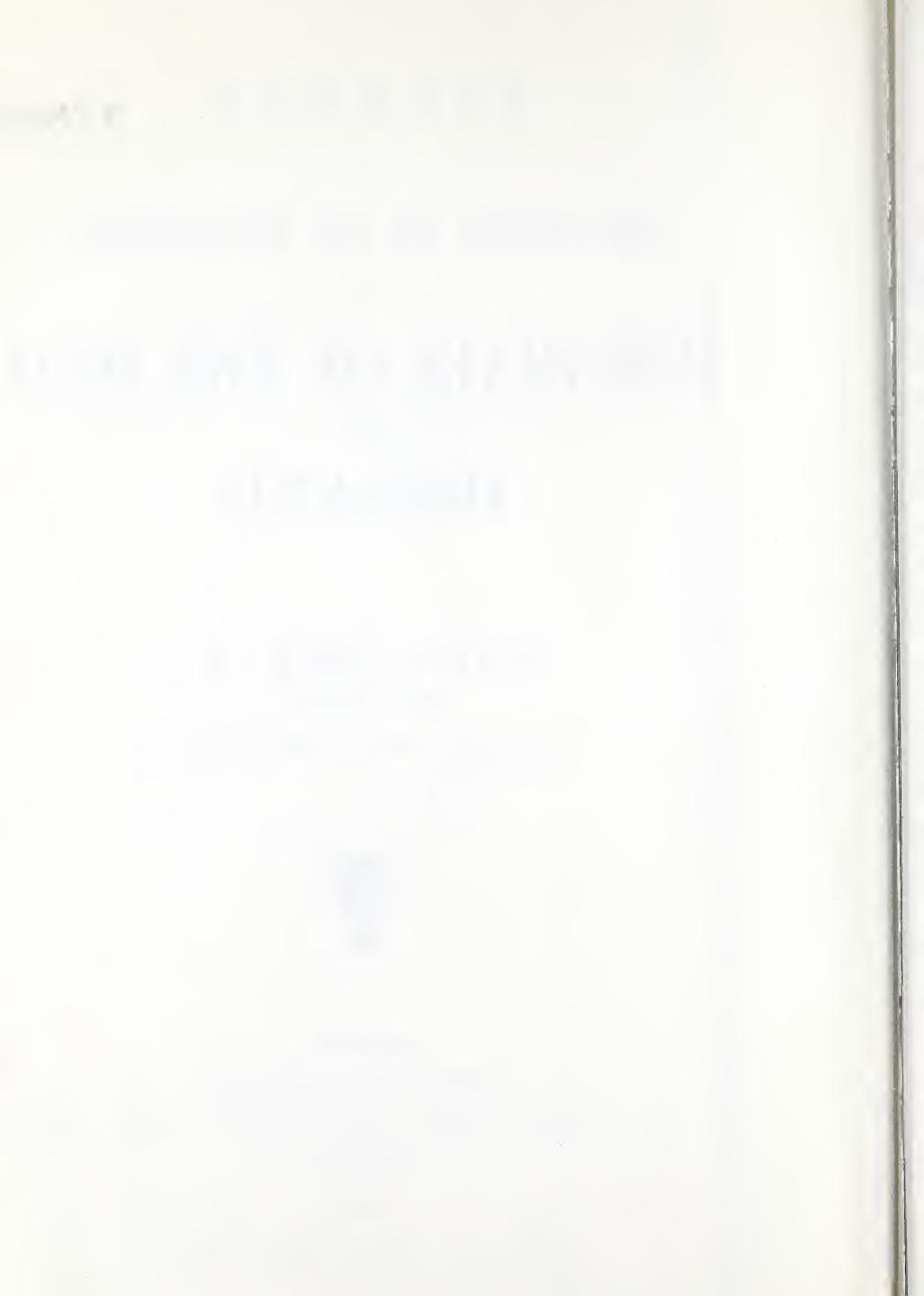
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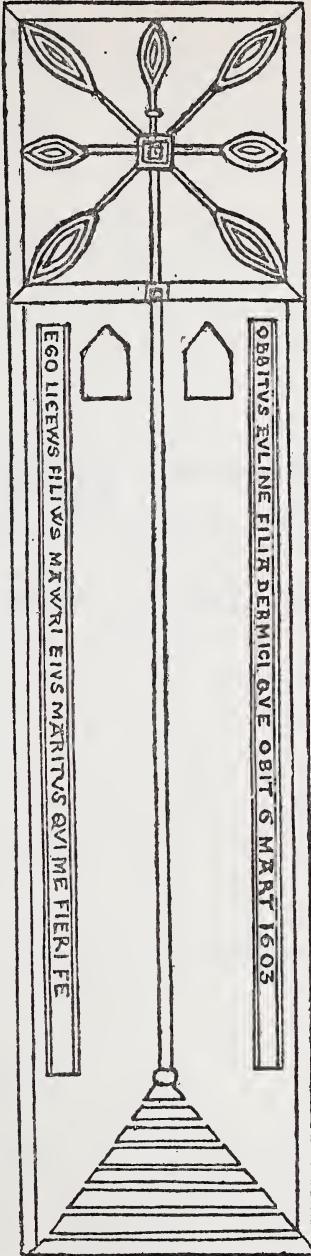
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Page 27, line 5, *for Gerrld, read Gerald.*

- " " " 6 " Margaret, " Margaret.
- " " " 6 " Plunket, " Plunket.
- " " " 7 " Buylid, " Build.
- " " " 9 " Who, " Whoe.
- " " " " Died, " Dyed.
- " " " " King, " Kyng.
- " " " 10 " *insert the word "in" before anno.*
- " " " " *for sovls, read sovles.*
- " " " 11 " *add the words, " God grant his," before mercy.*
- " " " 5 from bottom, *for long farm, read large farm.*
- " " " 4 " *for all, read the last.*
- " 28 " 24 " *for circle, read swell.*

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- " 44 " 17 " saltam and placedis, *read saltem and placidis.*
- " 56, 57, *add the following names:—*
The Archbishop of Dublin,
The Bishop of Ossory, Ferns, and Leighlin.
- " 72 " 24 *for or Sandhill, read of Sandhill.*
- " 94 " 20 *omit the words, " Archdeacon of Dublin."*
- " " 21 *for Tarville, read Turville.*
- " 102 " 14 *for quandam, read quondam.*
- " " 16 " *sepelitor, " sepelitur.*
- " " 22 " *binesti, " benisti.*

1890.

- " 127 " 8 " Margaret, " Katheline.
- " " " " 1625, " 1615.
- " 172 " 12 " 1800, " 1880.
- " 186 " 28 *insert great before great-grandfather.*
- " 187 " 10 *for H. F. Mundy, read H. T. Mundy.*
- " 191 " 21 " JOSHUA CARPENTER.

A correspondent writes:—"Joshua Carpenter is mentioned in 7 Funeral Entries, 519 [Ulster Office], his wife Ursula is described as daughter of Richard Viner, of Larkfield [?] Hall, in the Nine Parishes, Suffolk, Esq., his issue is given as on the tombstone, his eldest daughter being CISSILIA. It is added, that all his children were dead, except MARY."

The arms of Carpenter and Viner are impaled thus:—

CARPENTER—"Paly of six, argent and gules, on a chevron sable, 3 plates (white), each charged with a cross crosslet of the 3rd.

VINER—"Argent on a bend azure, 3 birds of Paradise, of the first."

Carpenter Crest—"An alligator or."

Page 192, line 12, *for Kighow, read Kichow.*

" 196, footnote after Castlereoe inscription,

" For the foregoing inscription from the County Kildare, I am indebted to Lord Walter FitzGerald, of Kilkea Castle."—ED.

" 216, Verdun tomb [plate], *for ovr, after lvs, read qve; and for RELICX, read RELICTÆ.*

Page 229, inscription of Doctor John Mulcahy.

The Rev. Doctor Hill Wilson White considers a better rendering of the Latin, "Quo sospes multis ospite vita fuit," would be, "whilst he was in health, his life was a source of health to many." And in place of "now vigorous in death," he would substitute, "and now strong in his better part" (*i.e.*, his soul), and again (p. 230), the 3rd and 4th lines he renders, "the one desire they had when alive, the one wish they had when dead, was to be together, now their ashes desire the same for their ashes."

Page 230, line 15, for Parosse, *read* Paroisse.

" 232 " 10 from bottom, for worldly, *read* clean.

" bottom line add A to end of the Irish word.

" 234, the O'Connor inscription has been printed wrongly, the lines must now be read alternately from the 1st and 2nd divisions.

" 236, line 7, for O'Graian, *read* O'Craian.

" 249 " 19 " Pounder, " Pounden.

" 254 " 16 " proquatæ, " prognatæ.

" " 21 " Lingulisque, " Singulisque.

1891.

" 279, the Rev. Mr. French considers that the "Letters of Blood" was persons who went about the country bleeding people.

" 296, Ballymoyer parish. Mr. French says Lewis is wrong in thinking that the name MacGuire is derived from MacMoyer, the names though "akin in sound, are very remote in structure." There is reason to believe that some members of the MacMoyer family assumed the name of Maguire in order to disguise their identity with the family of Florence MacMoyer, who gave evidence against Primate, or Archbishop Oliver Plunket. He was hereditary keeper of the celebrated Cavan Phadrig, or Book of Armagh, and died 12th February, 1713, and was buried in Ballymyre or Ballymoyer churchyard, where a small flag was placed over his grave, which was annually insulted with marked indignities; and, in order to prevent its destruction, it was removed by the late Mr. Synnot to Ballymoyer House, where it is now preserved. The stone is broken straight across, and part is missing, and the first three words of the inscription:—

[HERE LYETH THE] ?
" BODY OF FLORENCE WYRE WHO
DYED FEB. THE 12. 1713."

' I quote from "Reeves" on the Book of Armagh.'

Page 321. With regard to the sentence on this page, saying that the Countess of Huntingdon, whose epitaph is given on p. 320, was the heiress and last member of the Powers of Clashmore, the Rev. Jas. Ffrench writes:—"I do not quite understand this, as Sir Nugent Humble's mother was a Miss Pewer of Clashmore, and the late Count de Valmer's mother was also a Miss Power of Clashmore, and I think there was a MacCarthy marriage with this family."

Page 413, Leigh inscription, the stops or marks between the words should be small crosses, thus +, and not ., as given.

" 423, FIDDOWN, *insert* [From the Hon. Gerald Ponsonby.]

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Preservation of the Memorials of the Dead IN IRELAND.

1888.

"Now generous reader, let me intreat your furtherance thus farre, that in thy neighbouring churches, if thou shalte finde any ancient funeral inscriptions, or antique obliterated monuments, thou wouldest copie out the one, and take so much relation of the other as tradition can deliver; as also to take the inscriptions and epitaphs upon tombes and grave stones, which are of those [or later] times: and withall to take order that such thy collections, notes, and observations may come safely to my hands: and I shall rest ever obliged to acknowledge thy paines and curtesie."—WEEVER.

Gloucestershire Notes and Queries.

IN furnishing the Subscribers to this Fund with an account of the first year of its existence, the Editor considers it a suitable opportunity to offer a few general remarks on the subject, in hopes that he may thereby attract a greater attention to it, and interest many who have hitherto remained passive—if not worse—spectators of the damage to tombs and monuments that is going on around them in the churches and burial-grounds throughout this island.

Space will not permit to enlarge here on the history of the ancient monumental Memorials of the Dead, or of the changes they have undergone in form and character. It is certain that throughout all ages the living were afforded pleasure by the act of placing *some* memorial over the remains of their departed friends wherever civilization existed, and that these ties should be venerated and respected is a natural sequence. Placing them in ground set apart for interments, or, as with us, in consecrated ground, all tended to the one end—viz., Honor to the Dead.

From the rude Ogham tombstones of Ireland; from the grand Pyramids of Egypt; from the massive structures of Greece and Italy, there is an endless variety in the forms of the Memorials to the Dead:—Columns, temples, sarcophagi (like that of Petrarch's Tomb), weeping figures, elaborate sculptures, plain and ornamental mural tablets, altar tombs, urns and drapery (so severely described by Dickens as a "jug and towel arrangement"), and a host of others, are to be found. In their

construction, marble, brick and stone, wood, and even iron (as at Wadhurst and Mayfield, in Sussex) were all called into use. We in this country, thanks to our abundant supply of marble and fine building stones, &c., have no occasion to resort to wooden erections in our burial-grounds; but in parts of England they may still be seen in every-day use.

It is strange that amidst the variety of subjects that have occupied the minds of men, no one has hitherto been found to put on record a comprehensive and full tombstone encyclopedia of England or Ireland. Some slight efforts, it is true, have been made from time to time to form local records of tombs, but they are so few and far between that they only help to demonstrate what gaps are left undone.

Several of our county histories have accounts interspersed through their pages.

The Rev. Beaver H. Blacker, in his "Sketches of Booterstown and Donnybrook"; the Rev. Canon Leeper's "Handbook of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin"; the Rev. Canon Finlayson's "Monumental Inscriptions, &c., in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin" (1878), in the preface to which he well remarks:—"It is much to be regretted that, of so many persons interred in this ancient Cathedral, the names of the illustrious dead have, in great measure, disappeared; and of course few of their monuments are to be found." Dean Butler, at Trim; Canon Philip Dwyer, in his "Diocese of Killaloe," and Mr. Smith in his "Gleanings of Antrim," have all recorded inscriptions, and so saved many from oblivion.

The late Rev. Mr. Joly, Rector of Athlone, compiled, I learn, shortly before his death, a *complete* list of the tombs and monuments in his church and burial-ground. I regret that this valuable MS. has not yet reached the hands of the printer. If only other clergymen throughout Ireland could be induced to follow his example, how easy would be then the task of having a record of those who have gone before us.

The recently-published account of the Parish of Finglass, Co. Dublin, is another work in the right direction.

To the above list should be added—Lindsay's "Guide to St. Mary's Collegiate Church, Youghal"; O'Phelan's "Epitaphs of St. Canice's, Kilkenny," (1813), and Mr. Langrishe's; also, Mr. T. Shelley's "Account of the Callan Tombs," and probably many more that I am not aware of.

Having mentioned the object of this proposed Fund to several friends, I was induced to endeavour to organise it. As a first step, circulars were issued, asking aid and co-operation in endeavouring to arrest the injury and spoliation of our ancient tombs and monuments, and to ventilate the subject as much as possible, and to strive to enlist the sympathy and support of all classes.

The editors of several Irish newspapers kindly lent their aid, by inserting articles explaining the object, and urging support.

I pointed out that Ireland was not without a large number of antiquaries, lay and clerical, Roman Catholic and Protestant, and that if these only gave their minds and a trifle of their money, the improved state of the tombs and monuments of the departed would soon be a bright example of what a people can do when they pull together, and with a will.

The annual subscription was fixed at five shillings, or £5 for a life subscription.

Additional circulars were also issued asking for descriptions of tombstones, sketches, and other particulars.

Inscriptions were requested to be copied *verbatim*, and crests and coats of arms, where practical, noted and copied.

The chief objects to be attended to are as follows :—

- I.—To endeavour to preserve and protect the tombs, monuments, and Memorials of the Dead in our churches and burial-grounds.
- II.—To secure a record of existing tombs and monuments of interest, with their inscriptions, &c., and to obtain such information as is possible regarding others that may have been removed or destroyed.
- III.—To watch carefully works carried on in and about churches, &c., so as to prevent injury to monuments and tombstones.
- IV.—To repair tombs and monuments, as far as the funds admit of.
- V.—To print annually a report of work done, and requiring to be done, and also such other matter connected with the Antient Memorials of the Dead in this country as may be thought desirable.
- VI.—The printing of extracts of interest from chapter books, parochial and other registers and records, is thought very desirable, and the clergy are earnestly requested to furnish them, as well as any other information they can give connected with their churches and parishes, and disused burial grounds.
- VII.—Accounts of ancient fonts, bells, church plate, and memorial glass, are also requested.

In order to show the necessity for the work, the following few cases may be quoted as some amongst the many that exist.

First on this list may well stand the burial-place of our Patron Saint at Downpatrick. Here it is stated that at present (whatever memorial formerly existed) not a vestige of a tombstone or memorial of any kind whatsoever marks the spot where this great and good man's remains were interred.

At Clare Island, the Tomb of Grace O'Malley, the "Queen of the West," "a handsome cut-stone canopied one, in the chancel of St. Bridget's Abbey, has the lower portion of it embedded in the earth, and covered with manure, the place being used as a shelter for cattle!" The writer adds—"It is sad to think the good sense of the people would not dictate more reverent treatment of the graves of their ancestors."

At Ballintubber Abbey, County Mayo, the Tomb of "Tibot-na-lung" ("Theobold of the Ship"), son of Grace O'Malley, and first Earl of Mayo, is subject to similar disgraceful treatment. It is a beautiful example of the transitional style of art, where the newly-introduced classic or Italian mouldings in general outline have been carried out by native workmen, who have introduced Irish or Hibernianesque detail into the composition of the sculptured human figures," &c. "The stone altar serves as a rubbing-post for cattle!"

The ancient tombs at Bannow, County Wexford, afford another case.

At Lusk Church, County Dublin, the fine raised tomb of Sir Christopher Barnewall and his wife, with coats of arms on it, and two full-sized recumbent figures, stands exposed to the destructive effects of heat and cold, sun, rain, and frost. The sum of £6 is said to be required to have it put into a place of safety, and of this £2 has been promised; but the tomb still remains unprotected, for the small sum of £4.

At Kilsane old church, County Kilkenny, a splendid thirteenth century full length and mail-clad knightly figure of one of the De Cantvilles, is half buried in weeds and rubbish, and at any time liable to destruction.

At Graigue, Jerpoint Abbey, and Gowran, County Kilkenny, broken and mutilated figures bear witness to the injuries done, and to the necessity for our protecting hand.

At Ardfert, County Kerry, a tomb of one of the Knights of Kerry is reported to be "in a farmyard."

At Buttevant, Mr. R. R. Brash, some years ago, reported that the ancient Tombs of the Magners, the Prendergasts, the O'Callaghans, the Donegans, the Meads, the Healeys, the Nagles, and the Supples, mentioned in Smith's "History of Cork," no longer exist! He adds—"Sculptured stones lie scattered about the churchyard in great confusion, apparently belonging to richly-decorated tombs."

At Kilmallock Priory, a tomb of "The White Knight," "and many other tombs," are reported to be "ankle-deep in cow-dung."

But space does not permit to enter here into further details; suffice it to say that everywhere throughout the length and breadth of the land, wherever there are or were the tombs of our great chieftains, warriors, divines, and even the tombs of ladies, they have been more or less injured, destroyed, removed, or misappropriated. This must be patent to all who

have directed their attention to the subject ; but, alas ! the pity is—their names are few compared to the mass who pass them by unheeded.

The work in England is quite equal to what we have before us, if it does not exceed it. *Inter alia*, the following cases are recorded :—

“ Two tons of brasses from Hereford Cathedral sold to a brazier.”

“ Ancient tombstones, at Mueh Dewchurch, found forming the floor of the rectory stable ! ”

The same thing at Farnham.

“ At Purton Church, the scullery floor of the vicarage laid with memorial slabs removed from the church.”

Architects' vandalism is recorded from Drayton Church, near Banbury, and

From Nantwich, Cheshire, where the particulars of “ the shameful destruction of monumental inscriptions fill ten pages quarto !!! ”

At Bowden, Cheshire, tombstones were found in the old vicarage (now a private residence).

At Chew Magna, Somerset, “ a late vicar had tombstones taken from the churchyard to pave his coach-house !!! ”

At Monteith, in Scotland, a landing pier is reported to be partially built of tombstones.

In Devonshire, a 17th century tombstone of one of the Earls of Devon has been quite recently used to form a pathway into a “ restored ” church at Exeter.

At Rugby restoration “ much wanton desecration was effected.”

At Peterborough a “ font ” was broken up to “ mend the roads ! ” and another was found in a stableyard.

In Suffolk, marble figures, from monuments, were found “ adorning gardens.”

At Bishop Canning Church, ancient monumental slabs have been X “ buried under modern tiles.”

The Maltravers' Tomb, 500 years old, was nearly destroyed, and had a bed of cement laid over it.

At Horsham, Sussex, 15th century brasses and other church things were found in the possession of a late vicar.

In Herefordshire, “ a beautiful incised slab was recovered from a stone-mason's yard, who was just about to break it up.”

Would that the order of Queen Elizabeth for the Preservation of the Memorials of the Dead was revived and put in force. She charges the archbishops, bishops, and clergy to see to it.

In Belgium, the Government have established a Royal Commission for the Registration and Preservation of Monuments. We badly want something of the kind here as well as in England.

The six parts published in England of the "Journal of the National Society for the Preservation of the Memorials of the Dead," as well as the Yearly Reports, are so interesting and instructive, that subscribers are strongly recommended to obtain them. The Journals are issued at very low charges. Nos. 1, 2 (scarce), and 3, price 3d. each; No. 4, 4d.; post free, 5d.; No. 5, 6d.; No. 6, 1s. Application to be made to the Secretary, William Vincent, Belle Vue Rise, Norwich, England.

Mr. R. Langrishe, in speaking lately on this matter, remarked that in his travels, which extended over about one-fourth part of Ireland, he found the burial grounds gave general evidence of the way the Memorials of the Dead have been maltreated; heaps of broken stones and rubbish of all kinds abounded.

Mr. William Gray, of Belfast, has also spoken strongly of the disgrace to us as a nation of the state of our ancient monuments, and more particularly that there should be no memorial to mark the spot where St. Patrick is buried. Strangers coming from all parts of the world to see the memorial of St. Patrick found nothing but a hole in the ground to indicate the spot! *

A writer in the *Waterford News* last year says:—"All who have real interest in the preservation of the Memorials of the Dead—and in a deeply religious nation like Ireland there are many such—should join in this work."

The strange anomaly is, that despite the deep religious feelings above alluded to, no one can fail to see the utter disregard there is to the sanctity of our burial-grounds and tombstones, especially by the younger members of our community. Who has not seen, time after time, "pitch-and-toss" and other "games" indulged in on them? They are also frequently used as a "slide" for the hob-nails of idlers at funerals, and on other occasions to deface the inscriptions. As play-grounds and places of recreation, without one touch of veneration, is by many thought apparently to be their chief use—few appear to remember that they are consecrated, *i.e.*, reserved for holy purposes, and that though we here do not follow the custom of the East as regards taking off our shoes, yet the rest of the command given by God to Moses should be ever borne in mind by all who enter a burial-ground, ancient or modern—"Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, *for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.*"

I think something might easily be done in our schools and in our places of worship to impress on the minds of the young and of all greater respect and reverence for burial-grounds and monuments; much injury, I believe,

* It seems to me it would be a very easily accomplished work, if it was only set going, to collect one shilling subscriptions for it. Will some of my readers start it?—P. D. V.

arises from thoughtlessness and not from ill-feeling; and surely it is a Christian duty which we all will admit, that we should respect the resting-places of the dead. Would it not be a fitting subject to be referred to from the pulpit? Yet, I have never once in my whole life heard one word said in church or in school regarding it.

The Editor of the *Fermanagh Mail*, when writing on the subject, says:—"The preservation and protection of the tombs, monuments, and other memorials of the dead in churches and burial grounds are matters which should be of the deepest interest to every Irishman—perhaps there is no country in which so many remains are to be found as in this old land of ours. We would certainly be glad to see rescued from oblivion the wealth of sacred lore and biographical records which a careful examination of our churchyards would disclose. The Boards of Guardians throughout Ireland have had vested in them the charge of the old graveyards in their respective unions, and have been empowered to improve their fences and to place a caretaker over them, a safeguard against vandalism and desecration. We shall be sincerely pleased to see the treasures of our graveyards preserved from the inroads of cattle and other animals, and from the process of destruction which is otherwise inevitable."

It appears to me that much help might be afforded this work if the Local Government Board was to order its Inspectors, in their periodical visits to unions throughout Ireland, to cause inquiry to be made and reports furnished on the state of all graveyards in their charge:

- 1st. A statement were they so enclosed as to prevent the trespass of pigs, goats, cattle, and other animals?
- 2nd. Were they kept clean and free from weeds, &c.?
- 3rd. That such as were not already done, should be directed to be immediately enclosed and kept in order, and an annual report furnished of them to the Local Government Board.

The injury done by the careless wording in a contract for the repair or so-called "Restoration" of a church has oftentimes led to dreadful havoc to the Memorials of the Dead—"The contractor to have all old materials." These words, simple in themselves, have proved fatal to tombs, &c.

At Newport, Isle of Wight, I read (only this year) of tombstones of a whole family having been carried away by a contractor. But to come nearer home, there are at present two richly-fluted triple-headed stone doorways to a publichouse in Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow, which belonged to the ancient Church of Gowran, Co. Kilkenny, and which, by the thoughtless insertion, apparently, of the paragraph above named in the agreement, became the property of the contractor, and were removed from their sacred resting-place for centuries, to adorn a modern publichouse in a village a few miles distant!

Ecclesiastical and family history are now so much sought after, that all that relates thereto would, I believe, be most acceptable to the public; accounts of church plate, with dates, copies of inscriptions, and hall marks, extracts from parish registers and old vestry and chapter books, might well come into our reports; and I shall feel very grateful for all and any such that I may receive.

To those who will kindly contribute information to me, I would borrow another motto from the Rev. B. H. Blacker's "Gloucestershire Notes and Queries," and say:—

"If any take up such a task, let me beg of them to remember in their investigation, the great importance of exactness in minute details, and of constant reference to, and acknowledgment of authorities."

"Half the collections of epitaphs, for example, are of no historical or antiquarian value, because chapter and verse, place and date, are not given."

"The young archaeologist should accustom himself, never, if he can help it, to take anything at second-hand, but, at the same time, never to neglect any means of adding to his information however humble it may at first appear."

It is scarcely necessary to do more than mention the very neglected state of the tombs in our burial grounds generally throughout Ireland, to enable anyone to see the urgent need that exists for some active steps to be taken to endeavour to arrest their further destruction and to obtain records of such as still remain decipherable.

I wish particularly to bring under notice the fact—grave and distressing as it is—that injuries wanton and thoughtless are not alone "things of the past," when men were less guided by the gentler passion, and a ruder and fiercer spirit prevailed, coupled with ignorance and superstition, and clan and other feuds led to the destruction of many monuments, and obliterated the records of good and noble men and women; but the saddest part remains to be told, and that is, that both thoughtless and intentional injuries are still going on around us, as we live on from day to day.

Take Clonmacnoise, for instance. Here, in 1822, the late Mr. Petrie copied one hundred and forty-three inscriptions (all in the Irish language), and, will it be believed that, in 1869, eighty-six only of this number were to be found! "the rest having been broken up and lost, or perhaps stolen"; and it is stated that while the great mass of sepulchral inscriptions belonging to other countries are written in Latin, those of Ireland of ancient date are in the vernacular, and thus form monuments more or less valuable of the language of ancient Ireland.

The stone on which the MacMahon was placed when made chief of the

clan (see Shirley's "History of the County Monaghan") still had the impression of "the foot" on it till about the year 1809, when "the owner of the farm effaced it!" but, worse still, about the year 1856 it was wantonly destroyed and broken into flags, and used in the construction of a stable! Read also the cases that are named as occurring in England.

Again, a visitor at Limerick Cathedral quite recently noticed that some stone steps near the side door were covered with inscriptions, nearly defaced, and was told that they were "only old tombstones."

It affords me much pleasure to be able to report that I have received several valuable records of monuments, and promises of more; and that in the list of subscribers which is appended to this Report will be found all classes and creeds, England and America contributing their quota.

I shall now close these remarks, and insert an account of what I have received from different counties, my wish being to endeavour by degrees to have a complete account *by counties* of their respective burial-grounds and monuments; but before doing so I would again urge on all my fellow-countrymen to bear a helping hand, and to endeavour to remove from Ireland a slur on her character which she has too long deserved. Let it not be forgotten that the old familiar burial-grounds, though now in many instances they may be disused, still remain "consecrated grounds." The comfort the friends and relatives of those long since buried in them received by paying their last sad tribute of respect to their dear ones, by laying their remains within the peaceful enclosure of "God's Acre," should not now be allowed to rise up against us from any want of due attention to those sacred plots of ground, and to their monuments, no more than we should ourselves wish to see the graves of those we bury, neglected, or, worse still, desecrated.

Would that we had throughout Ireland, in every county, men of the calibre of "Robert Paterson" (the "Old Mortality" of Sir Walter Scott), a man whose heart was in his work, and that work he conceived to be the preservation and renovation of the ancient tombstones of his country; far and wide were his travels, earnest and painstaking his labour,—reminding one in some degree of the late gifted, zealous, and indefatigable Rev. James Graves, who so long and so ably conducted the "Kilkenny Archaeological Society."

The following extract is from a letter I received last year, and which gave me much pleasure, especially as the writer accompanied his subscription by some very interesting copies of inscriptions from tombstones:—

"Though not blessed with much wealth, I now send you five shillings (by postal order) as my subscription to your noble undertaking of preserving the monuments of the silent tenants of "God's Acre" from desecration, as well as securing their inscriptions," &c.

The following extract appears to me to bear strongly on what I am advocating :—

“ This may be one, and no contemptible argument in favour of [our work], that when monuments themselves decay, inscriptions wear out or are defaced ; marbles broken ; brass plates unfixed, or thrown aside out of sight, or perhaps returned to the founder, or sold to a tinker [as in the case of the *tons* of brasses sold from Hereford Cathedral.—ED.] ; when effigies, arms, and inscriptions in glass, &c., are broken, mangled, and disappear, the contents of them may be preserved in a sheet of paper.

“ MONUMENTUM AERE PERENNIIUS.”

—*Gloucestershire Notes and Queries.*—Rev. B. H. Blacker, 1881.

This being the first year since the formation of this Fund, the Report, it is feared, will give but a very meagre detail of our monuments ; but it is to be hoped that each year will show an increased interest in the work, and that the small end of the wedge, now introduced, may make its way deeper and deeper in the cyclopean mass, until we can all look with pride and pleasure on what may now be called a heap of unsightly rubble.

In concluding this Report, I have to mention that the sum of twenty-one pounds twelve shillings and sixpence (£21 12s. 6d.) has been received by me for the year, and that £7 19s. has been expended, chiefly in printing and issuing circulars, leaving a balance of £13 3s. 6d. to be carried forward to next year.

Amongst the names of subscribers will be found several distinguished personages and well-known archaeologists, and I have little doubt but that when this Report reaches the hands of those who have so kindly assisted me to initiate this work, they will be able to induce many more to join our ranks.

P. D. V.

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N.B.—The above are all five-shilling subscriptions, except where
in brackets.

REPORTS FROM COUNTIES.

COUNTY ANTRIM.

From the County Antrim I have been furnished with a report of the very neglected state of the tombstones in the ancient burial-ground of Layde. My correspondent, the Rev. Arthur Brenan, says:—"If some of the tombstones at Layde were raised and cleaned, he is sure much interesting information would be gathered."

The attention of the Ballycastle Board of Guardians is earnestly requested to this old burial-ground.

COUNTY CARLOW.

I am indebted to the kindness of the Rev. J. F. M. French, Rector of Clonegal, on the eastern border of this county, for the following description of some monuments in his parish, and of the fonts and church plate. He has kindly promised me additional notes for next year's Report.

The Church of Clonegal, otherwise Moyacomb ("The plain of the Two Hounds."—Joyce), or Moycon, is a modern structure, erected about the year 1819. I find that in that year a sum of £1,300 was borrowed from, I believe, the Board of First Fruits, for the purpose of erecting the present building. There are four burial-grounds in the parish, three of which are used and one altogether disused, viz., there is the old parish burial-ground which surrounds the parish church, the "Yew-tree" burial-ground, and the modern burial-ground, which surrounds the Roman Catholic Chapel; also the remains of a disused burial-ground surrounding the site of the old church of Ardbrittian. None of these burial-grounds contain any monuments or memorials of the dead of very ancient date. In Ryan's "Carlow" there is mention made of a tombstone in Clonegal churchyard, bearing the following inscription:—

"Here lyeth : inter'd the body of
Mr. John Esmond who departed
this life June the 9 : 1715.
Requiescat : in : pace, Amen."

This tombstone is not now to be found. The Esmond family were the former owners and occupiers of Huntington Castle, Clonegal. I remember a tomb to the memory of Mr. Joseph Cuff, the last member of the Cuff family (now Wheeler-Cuff), who lived in Ballyredmond House, Clonegal, but the inscription seems quite worn away, and I am not now able to find it on any of the tombs. There is also a headstone with a quaint

representation of a soldier in ancient uniform—knee-breeches and stockings, with a gun on his shoulder, and underneath the inscription :—

“Here lieth the body of the
spærtid volunteer Henry
Browne, departed the 14th May
1784, aged 26 years.”

This monument is suffering much from the weather. And in the same churchyard there is a headstone to a member of the Ralph family, who were once very numerous in the parish, but who have now almost ceased to exist. The headstone is inscribed with the following lines, said to have been written by Mrs. Tighe, the author of “Psyche” :—

“To the memory of William Ralph,
of Kilcarry, who died on the 21st of
February, 1818, aged 71 years.”

“Guard of the wood, in settled low content,
Lived William Ralph,—a ramble paid his rent.
A boy, in sportive toil he climbed the trees ;
A man, he loved them rustling in the breeze.
As he grew old, his old companions spread
A broader, browner shadow o'er his head ;
While those he planted shot on high, and made
For many a rook a hospitable shade.
With this one change, life gently crept away—
A placid stream it flowed from day to day.
His friends and children loved him, as the tear
Well spoke, profusely shed upon his bier !
If he had faults, thou also hast thy share,—
Strike thy own breast and feel what lurketh there !
He who sees all, shall judge both him and thee :
Repent ! for as it falls so lies the tree.”

This William Ralph was woodranger to the Tighe family.

The other churchyards do not contain any monumental inscriptions worthy of special notice. In the Clonegal churchyard there is a large square granite stone hollowed out, which was probably in ancient times the socket of a stone cross. There is no old font ; the one in use being a handsome modern one, given to the church by Alexander Durdin, Esq., of Huntington Castle, Clonegal, in memory of his mother.

The church plate consists of a chalice, flagon and paten. The flagon is modern, but the chalice and paten are fine specimens of old silver plate. The chalice bears the inscription :—

“Moyacomb Church, Ferns. 1716.”

The chalice has no hall mark.

The paten bears the inscription round the border of the plate—

“The Gift of y^e Rev. Mr. Cha. Baldwin, A.M., Rector of Moyacon, in y^e Diocese of
Ferns, for y^e use of y^e said Parish.”

The hall marks are—A circle with 10 in it, a shield with P in it, and a harp crowned.

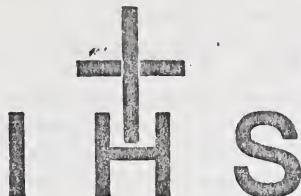
In the burial-ground of the old church of Barragh, in this county, Mr. ffrench and I could only discover two tombstones—so overgrown was it with weeds, briars, and thorn bushes. This graveyard does not appear to be

* See Ryan's “Carlow,” 1833, p. 338.

"anybody's child"; it is not in the list of burial-grounds in charge of the Carlow Board of Guardians, and it fully supports its orphan state by its dishevelled appearance. We found—

"MARGARET NEALE
ALIAS DEMPSEY who DIED ON
THE [] DAY OF FEBRUARY 1727
AGED 29 YEARS."

On another stone—



IN THE YEAR OF GRACE
THE BODY OF MARY BE....

The old church itself is in ruins. The west gable is perfect, and most of the south wall, which is 13 or 14 ft. in height. There is one narrow window 3 ft. high and 6 in. wide, with internally splayed walls. The chancel appears to be some feet wider than the rest of the church. Is not this very unusual? A fine "bullan," or stone basin, about 3 ft. in diameter, is outside the church on the south side. The total length of the church is about 78 ft. by 21 ft. wide, outside.

COUNTY CORK.

Mr. Brash, writing in 1852, speaks of the whole of the interior of the Abbey of Buttevant, in this county, being encumbered with graves and tombstones, and that there were several "altar tombs" of early date. In urging attention to our ancient Memorials of the Dead, &c., he says he does so to stimulate the zeal of others, it being a melancholy fact that most of our National Monuments are falling to ruins.

In my next Report I shall give an account of the restoration of an interesting monument in this county, which has been carried out through our Fund.

COUNTY DUBLIN.

Mr. J. F. Fuller mentions a very decided case of sacrilege which brought a good round punishment on the offender. A certain Captain Alland, who, in 1662, was fined £100 and £300 damages for pulling down the church at Tallaght (County Dublin), and using the timber to roof his own house in Kildare, and the flags to flag his kitchen in Dublin, and "to form mangers, &c., in his stables."

We read in one case of an order being issued to build up all doors opening into a certain city churchyard "To prevent the inhabitants from converting the graveyard into a play-ground." [St. Audoen's, Dublin.—P.D.V.]

Old churches, disused transepts, &c., have been, and probably some still are, used as "ball-alleys" or "fives-courts," and tombstones fixed in the front wall where the ball mostly strikes it.

COUNTY KERRY.

In writing in 1852, the late Mr. R. Hitchcock says:—"During a tour in quest of Ogham inscriptions, in the years 1847, '48, and '49, I have had an opportunity of visiting many of the churchyards in the south of Ireland. In these sacred places I found numerous monumental inscriptions, a few of which I have copied"; and he adds, "I do this in hopes that it may induce other and more competent members of the society, who may have copies of curious monumental inscriptions, or who may be in the way of obtaining them, to send them to the (local) secretaries. I believe that many persons possess copies of inscriptions, the originals of which do not now exist, or, if they do, which may soon give way to modern 'improvement.' Independently of their great historical value, many of the churchyard inscriptions are exceedingly curious, but—and is it not a sad fact?—even these hallowed remains are every year yielding to the destroyer!"

He then gives a number of inscriptions, chiefly from Kerry, for which the reader is referred to vol. ii., part i., pp. 128 to 133, for 1852, of the "Journal of the Royal Historical and Archaeological Association of Ireland."

GLEANINGS FROM COUNTRY CHURCHYARDS.—NOTES BY RICHARD HITCHCOCK.

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No. 1.—Inscription on one of the pillars, Ardfert Abbey, much obliterated.

No. 6.—Kiltorny Church, County Kerry, an old inscription, destroyed by the masons who built a tomb for a gentleman close by.

No. 7.—A slab broken into two parts, lying in the farmyard of the Grove, Dingle, County Kerry.

No. 8, p. 130.—Killiney, County Kerry, monument 1756, stone a little broken. A plain fine stone cross 9½ ft. high, 4 ft. 2 in. across the arms, and 7 in. thick, perfect.

No. 9.—Ventry, County Kerry, churchyard overwhelmed with sand; only one inscription visible, date 1775.

Dingle, County Kerry, p. 135.—In the churchyard are several ancient inscriptions, amongst which is one to the Fitzgerald family, in Gothic characters, date 1504.

A useful hint was made in 1853 by Mr. Baker, of Ballaghtobin. He suggested that a regular chronicle of antiquities still extant, within the

sphere of their knowledge, and their condition, &c., should be given in the Annual Report of the R. H. and A. Society, by getting up parties and deputations of the members to inspect and report upon them. Also, "that some plan might be struck out for preventing wanton outrage to ancient monuments."

COUNTY KILDARE.

The following is a brief notice of the chief monuments in the old burial-ground attached to the Cathedral of Kildare. I have ascertained that they are still in the same neglected state, and exposed to the destructive action of the elements, as they were in 1883, when the Rev. M. Comerford, P.P., of Monasterevan, wrote about them. It is to be sincerely hoped that they may soon be placed at least under cover, if not in their proper positions.

I have been in communication with the rector on the subject, and hope to be able to report next year that steps are being taken for their preservation.

A pedestal of a great stone cross, the shaft and top of which are to be seen in another part of the enclosure.

A curiously-sculptured stone representing the Crucifixion—angels holding chalices, &c. [See the Rev. M. Comerford's history of this diocese.]

Another group, the "Ecce Homo," and beneath an inscription, granting 26 years and 26 days' indulgence to those who should devoutly say 5 paters and 5 aves before the figure. An Angel of Justice weighing the merits of an individual. [See Rev. M. Comerford's book.]

Another stone represents the full recumbent figure of a bishop (Lane, 1522 or earlier?).

Also an effigy of Sir Maurice Fitzgerald, of Lachagh, 1575.

A mural tablet, Jacob Fitzgerald and Anne Sutton, 1618.

A box tomb on the north side to John Lee, 1612; most of these are stated to have formerly stood in a chapel in the south wing, and now lie in a heap in the burial-ground.

[Surely the Fitzgerald family will do something for their ancestral tombs?—ED.]

COUNTY KILKENNY.

The following Report of Gowran Abbey Church, by the Rector, the Rev. E. F. Hewson, is of much value. It will be followed in my next Report by a most interesting account, accompanied with a drawing (by that well-known and distinguished artist and archeologist, Mr. W. F. Wakeman) of probably *one* of the most ancient dated tombstones in Ireland, which after much labour and care Mr. Hewson has succeeded in deciphering.

“ Of the wholly common is man made,
And custom is his nurse : Woe then to them
Who lay irreverent hands upon his old
House furniture, the dear inheritance
From his forefathers : For time consecrates,
And what is grey with age becomes religion.”

The fine old monuments of this fine old church have fared perhaps no better, and I believe no worse, than most other old churches and monuments in this island. So far as I have had an opportunity of observing, the process of destruction here is about an average specimen of what has been going on throughout the country. In the campaign of 1316–1318, the Scottish army of Bruce passed through the town, and was accused, though perhaps untruly, of rifling the tombs. Some centuries later the nave and side aisles were used as a habitation. This appears by the remains of partition walls dividing it into rooms, and by numerous corbels inserted in all sorts of places to support floors and stairways. The alteration was made without the slightest idea of preserving or respecting the Memorials of the Dead. One floor-slab, with an epitaph in the incised Lombardic character of the 14th century, was used as a lintel to a new doorway; another had its floriated cross chiselled nearly all off in hollowing out the stone to form a channel to convey roof water. At a later time this part of the church was used as a corn-store, although there remains no tradition of the fact in the neighbourhood now.*

Within living memory the destructive process was continued. A chapel on the south side of the choir and a “turret” on its north side, both marked on Ledwich’s plan, were taken down to supply building materials. The chapel, as marked on the plan, was entered from the outside, not from the inside of the church. It was probably a mortuary chapel; but what monuments were there, or to what family the chapel belonged, I have not been able to discover. Within living memory too, the villagers were roused from sleep in the dead of night, by an alarming crash, to discover in the morning that an entire row of pillars and arches between the nave and south aisle had fallen to the ground. The fall could not be considered accidental, for the wall had been previously undermined, and the fallen material was carted away to be used in building, and to repair the roads. It was by the fall of this wall probably occurred the destruction of three memorial stones which occupied the three finely-carved recesses in the east end of the south aisle. No fragment of the stones can now be found, and their position exposed them to the shock of the falling mass. There can be little doubt that on the same occasion many other fine monuments were broken and carted away as so much rubbish. The corresponding recesses in the opposite or north aisle remote from this wall, still retain their memorial slabs with incised effigies, and the whole aisle from end to end is rich in ancient memorial stones in their original position; whereas the parts of the church on either side of where the wall stood, do not contain one, which cannot be shown to have been placed there since the wall fell.

* The authority for this is Abraham Rothe, Esq., of Salisbury, now Barraghcore, writing about A.D. 1814.

In a couple of instances at least, memorial stones were stolen by one family from another. A stone with the date 1618, was pulled down, and the arms of the Ragget family knocked off. It was then re-hewn into a memorial of a different family, the original inscription being turned towards the wall, where it could not be seen.

But plundering soldiers, houseless men in need of a habitation, corn-factors in need of storage, builders and road-menders in need of material, and mourning relatives in need of tombstones, do not exhaust the list of destroyers of the monuments. In the mortuary chapel of the Keally family, which adjoins the church at the south-west angle, is a mural monument in the lofty and elaborate style of the 17th century, erected to Piers Keally, who died in 1648, and displaying the arms of Keally and Hacket. Two or three slabs and a pair of pillars are missing. An old inhabitant of the village told me that the pillars were of white marble, and that he well remembered the breaking of them up by himself and the other boys of the village, to make the kind of marbles known to boys as "stone taws." This was about the time when the walls of this church, as of many others, were used as the ball alley of the village, and the graveyard as the ground for hurley and other games.

Besides the boys, it seems that I shall have to add to my list of offenders the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, charged by the Government with the preservation and repair of the churches. The nave of the church, when not used for secular purposes as above described, has been let go to ruin since the Reformation. The choir, however, so far as is known, has been used for divine service without interruption. It might be expected that the monuments there would be better preserved, but early in the present century they, too, were badly broken by the fall of the roof. A few years later, the choir was rebuilt from the foundation, under the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and the broken pieces were simply trundled out of the way, to lie neglected in the graveyard. Fortunately, perhaps for their preservation, the country people, admiring their fine carving, appropriated them, when not too heavy, by setting them up to mark new graves, and for half a century there appears to have been no objection made to their helping themselves in that way. Whosoever would might have for his tombstone his choice of a coat-of-arms, or a beautiful floriated cross, or an effigy of a steel-clad knight, or of an ecclesiastic in his robes, an archbishop, or a saint. In 1873, two beautifully moulded doorways, in the floriated style, were removed to Bagenalstown, seven miles distant, where they may be now seen adorning the entrances to a public house!

"Poor old Heraldry, poor old History, poor old Poetry, passing hence."

I believe the Preservation of the Memorials of the Dead was one main and original object of the Kilkenny Archaeological Society, founded in 1849, and since grown into the Royal Historical and Archaeological Association of Ireland. But the machinery of the Society appears to have been inadequate to this particular purpose. If this were not so, it would be impossible that such monuments should be so neglected as are to be seen at Gowran, within seven miles of Kilkenny, many of them being in memory

of members of the family of the President of the Association. Might not a committee be appointed to take in hand this special work? Might not a *Monumentarium* or descriptive catalogue of the monuments by parishes or counties, be compiled under the direction of this committee? Probably, most of them are in churches and graveyards vested in the Representative Church Body. Might not the bishops be asked to consider the desirability of adding to the form of annual Report filled by rural deans? A question or two to this effect—"Are the Memorials of the Dead duly preserved? Have any suffered injury during the year, or been covered up with rubbish, or overgrown with vegetation?"*

If I mistake not, such a *Monumentarium* as is proposed now, was proposed more than twenty years ago by Mr Hitchcock; and a few desultory efforts have been made to carry out the plan. For instance, Mr. Langrishe, with great pains and accuracy, compiled an admirable descriptive catalogue of the monuments in St Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny. But the undertaking was a private one, and entailed a large pecuniary loss, a great number of copies remaining unsold. Mr. Thomas Shelley, too, contributed to the "Transactions of the Ossory Archaeological Society" [established in 1874] a couple of papers shewing a great deal of research, and describing a large number of very interesting ancient monuments, which are to be seen at Callan. St Mary's Church, Kilkenny, affords ample material for a similar work; and I have by me notes for a *Monumentarium* of my own church at Gowran, to which this paper is intended as an introduction. The County of Kilkenny is full of interesting ancient monuments scattered here and there. Some of them have been described in the Journal of the R. H. and A. A. of Ireland; all are more or less known to local archaeologists; but no systematic effort has ever been made either to describe them or to preserve them.

In 1873 the choir of Gowran Church was admirably restored, after plans by Mr. Street; and my predecessor, the Rev. C. L. Darby, was extremely anxious to restore the monuments to their original position in it, intending to make room both for them and for an increased congregation, by lengthening the choir towards the east. Most untoward circumstances prevented this being done, and the project was of necessity abandoned. Two fine floor slabs have, however, been lately brought in. Room could be found for a couple of the effigies, and the remainder might be put together and set up in the unroofed nave. The persons who preserved the neglected fragments, by using them as headstones to the graves of their relatives, have all very readily and courteously given them up, and they are now collected together.

POWERSTOWN PARISH.

The following inscription is from a mural monument, formerly in Powerstown Parish Church, but since the sale and demolition of that church (owing to the recent disestablishment of the Irish Church), it has

* I beg most earnestly to bring this suggestion under the notice of the dignitaries of the Church; and sincerely trust it may be adopted by them.—ED.

been removed, and is now in the entrance porch of Grange Silvæ Church :—

“ Here lies the body of RALPH GORE, Esq^{re},
late of Barrowmount, in y^e County of Kilkenny,
son of Sir John Gore, of Secum, in Hertfordshire,
Knight, who departed y^e life 12 day of December,
1721, aged 68 years.”

“ Sacred to the memory of Brigadier General Arthur Gore,
Lieut.-Colonel of the 33rd Regiment of Foot, who fell
on the 8th March, 1814, at Bergam-op-Zoom, while
gallantly leading his men to the attack on the

Ramparts of that place.

This meritorious officer, in the course of 26 years’ service (20
of which were passed in India and 11 in the command of the
33rd Regiment), distinguished himself in various and trying
occasions, by his gallantry and zeal. In testimony of the high
esteem which his Public character excited and the grateful
feelings of regard which his mild and conciliatory conduct in
the command of the 33rd Regt. never failed to call forth, the
Officers of that Corps have erected this Monument.

Born at Kilkenny 30 June, 1773.”

On the edge of the old communion table (a stone slab) of Powerstown
Church is written :—

“ The gift of Ralph Gore, Esq., to the Church of Powerstown, 1766.”

It was in Grange Silvæ Church porch in 1882.

TULLAHERIN.

At a general meeting of the Kilkenny Archaeological Society, March 7th, 1852, Mr. Prim reported the discovery of an imperfect Ogham monument in the ancient burying-ground of Tullaherin, County Kilkenny. His attention had been called to the existence of this ancient memorial stone by Henry O'Neill, Esq., one of their members. This stone is still in existence.

KING’S COUNTY.

The Rev. W. G. Kittson, Rector of Ballyburley, has kindly sent me the following interesting inscription of the Wakely, Handcock, and Blundell families, and for which I beg to thank him.

In the next Report I propose to give an account of the Communion plate in Ballyburley Church.

I.

BALLYBURLEY PARISH CHURCH, EDENDERRY.

A stone tablet inserted over the door of the church representing in rude relief the arms of the Wakely family, with motto, and bearing the following inscription :—

" IOANNES WACKLY EDIFICAVIT HAS AEDES
ANNO SECUNDO REGNI REGIS IACOBI
SECUNDI ANNO . . . DOMIN . 1686."

Where the dots are placed, the letters are illegible. The arms and motto of the Wakely family can be seen in the "Dictionary of Heraldry."

II.

A curious ancient monument inserted in the south wall of the nave (interior), bearing in rude relief the arms of the Wakely family, quartered with the arms of the Handcock family, with the Wakely motto. The monument has also in rude relief the effigy of a warrior dressed in the full military costume of the age. He is armed with sword and lance.

This monument bears an earlier date than that of the erection of the church, and was probably removed to its present site from the former parish church. The inscription on the monument is as follows :—

" HEER LIETH THE BODY OF MAUD HANDCOCK
DAUGHTER TO WILLIAM HANDCOCK OF DVBLI
ALDIRMĀ WHO DECESID THE 3 OF MAY 1617 HIR
DEER AND WELLBELOWID HUSBĀD THOMAS
WACKLE OF BALIBURLEY ESQVIER SVN TO ION WACKLE
OF THE NOVA ESq CAPTAT OF 100 HORS AND 100 FOOT IN THE
BEGINING OF QVEE ELYZABETHS REINGE OF FAMVS
MEMORY GOVERNID THEM TO THE ADWANSMENT OF HIR
HIGHNES SERVICE CAVSID THIS MONVNT TO BE
MADE IN MEMORY OF HIR HIMSELF AND KAT
HREN CUSACK ALIAS HANDCOCK SISTER TO THE
FORSAAID MAUD."

III.

MONASTERORIS PARISH CHURCH, EDENDERRY.

" Near this place
lyes burred the Body of
SARAH LADY BLUNDELL Relict
of SIR GEORGE BLUNDELL baronet &
sole daughter and Heiress of S^t WILLIAM
COLLEY of Edenderry (who dyed y^e 25 of
February 1701) and was a person of most
exemplary Piety and Charity to whose
memory this Marble is dedicated by
her son SIR FRANCIS BLUNDELL Barronet
who with her consent marry'd two Excel-
lent wives, viz^t in December 1671
URSULA daughter of S^t PAUL DAVYS
Secretary of State Privy Councillor and
Clark of the Council who dyed in May
1673 delivered of a dead child and ly's
buried near her Father in S^t AUDEONS
Church, and in Dec. 1675, he marry'd
ANNE the daughter of SIR HENRY
INGOLDSBY Barr & Privy Councillor
who dyed y^e 14th of July 1705 & lyes burid
by her Father in S^t BRIDGETS Church
in DUBLIN. He had by her seven sons and
two daughters, GEORGE, HENRY, FRANCIS,
WILLIAM, WINWOOD, CHARLES, and
MONTAGUE, ANNE and SARAH."

The above is inscribed upon a plain white marble slab, inserted in the wall of the church, and underneath it is inserted another marble slab bearing the following inscription :—

“ THE ABOVE GENEALOGICAL TABLET
WAS SOME TIME BACK FOUND IN THE
RUINS OF THE OLD CHURCH OF MONASTERORIS
AND REMOVED TO THIS SITE BY
MARY MARCHIONESS OF DOWNSHIRE
AND
BARONESS SANDYS,
THE LINEAL HEIRESS AND DESCENDANT OF
MONTAGUE LORD VISCOUNT BLUNDELL
1814.”

To the Rev. M. Comerford, P.P., Monasterevan, my thanks are specially due for the rubbing and account he has been good enough to send me of an ancient tombstone in the Church of Ballintampull, King's County, a drawing of which is given in the frontispiece of this number.

**DESCRIPTION OF A TOMBSTONE IN BALLINTAMPULL CHURCHYARD, PARISH
OF BALLYNAKILL, KING'S COUNTY.**

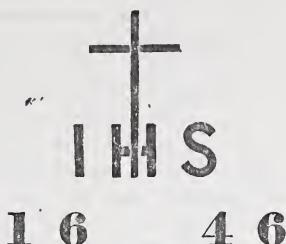
An old church in ruins, surrounded by a graveyard, is found here, and is called Ballintampull, which is only another form of Ballynakill, *i.e.*, “the townland of the church.” This church, which probably does not date back further than the 15th century, was of small dimensions; there is a window in the east gable having a stone moulding of an Ogee Gothic pattern. Amongst the graves within the ruins of the church is to be seen a stone having a floriated double cross in the centre; down each side runs an inscription in relief, in Latin, with which language, however, the composer appears to have been imperfectly acquainted. This inscription runs thus :—

“OBBITVS EVLINE FILIA DERMICI QVE OBIT 6 MART 1603.
EGO LICEWS FILIWS MAWRI EIVS MARITVS QVI ME FIERI FE.”

This, being interpreted, would seem to indicate that the tomb was placed in memory of Eileen MacDermott, who died on the 6th of March, 1603, and that it was so placed over her grave by her husband, Lysagh O'More. A branch of this family was established in this neighbourhood. In the list of the General Assembly of the Confederate Catholics, in 1647, is found “Roger Moore, of Ballynakill.” Amongst the lordships, manors, castles, &c., which Queen Elizabeth, by letters patent, dated 18th Dec., 18th year of her reign, granted to Owen MacHugh O'Dempsey, Esq., appear “the town, &c., called Ballinatample, being two ploughlands, containing 120 acres, arable land, in the occupation of Patrick McGarret O'Dempsey as tenant at will; the town, &c., called Kilclonbrennan, being half a ploughland, containing 40 acres, in the occupation of same; Ballinakill and Ballitheill, being three quarters of a ploughland, containing 60 acres, in the occupation of Shane MacDermott O'Dempsey, &c.”—*Inquisition, Philipstown, 20 Sept., 1617; Collections relating to the Dioceses of Kildare and Leighlin, vol. ii.; p. 135.*

COUNTY LONGFORD.

I have to thank A. J. Fetherstonhaugh, Esq., for the copy of an ancient inscription from Ardagh churchyard in this county, dated 1646, as follows:—



DERMDIVS LAPIDEM · HVNC · POSVITCOGNO · IEEGAN
 VS· PRESB · ITFI · INSIGNIS · MORIBVS ATQVE FIDE
 SIT VT · SIBI · CVM · SANCTIS · REQVIES · SINE · FINE
 SVPER· HÆC QVICVNQVE · IEGIS · SISTE · PRECAREDEVM

COUNTY MAYO.

A letter from W. E. Kelly, Esq. (dated 1888), gives the latest account of Ballintubber Abbey, and of Grace O'Malley's Tomb, on Clare Island, the state of which he says is a disgrace to the county. I would gladly see more interest and attention directed to these.—Can nothing be done for them?

"With regard to Ballintubber Abbey, I believe that nearly enough of funds have been collected to roof the building and use it as a Catholic Chapel as before. Grace O'Malley's Tomb, on Clare Island, is a disgrace to the county, and I will willingly contribute to any special fund for preserving it. Should any steps be taken, I would communicate with the present proprietors, with the view of collecting sufficient funds. I was glad to see that the old paintings on the plastering are, to a certain extent, preserved from injury."

COUNTY MEATH.

I beg to thank Owen Smith, Esq., for a full and very interesting account of the Tombs, &c., at Nobber, Cruisetown, and Brittas, in this county.

Mr. Joseph Moore, of Navan, has also kindly contributed some information about Rathmore, and adds, "If the clergy could only be induced to copy the inscriptions in their churches and churchyards, it would be a valuable record."

I have also to tender my thanks to the Rev. Hill Wilson White, of Multyfarnham, for the Report he has been good enough to send me of an ancient font improperly removed from the church it belonged to, and which he hopes to have restored to its proper place.

With reference to the tombs at Nobber, Mr. Joseph Moore, of Navan, states that the date of the Cruise stone is 1216*; that it was restored in 1781, and that in Lewis's "Topographical Dictionary" it is referred to, but that the date, by a curious blunder, is given as 1619.

Mr. Moore also mentions some curious inscriptions at Rathmore in this county. They are referred to in Lewis's book.

Respecting the Bligh monument at Brittas, Mr. Owen Smith writes:—

"The Bligh monument at Brittas can hardly be called a 'Monument of the Dead.' Still, as it is the only one belonging to the Blights in the parish, and commemorates the first of that powerful family who came to this part of the country, it is right you should see a copy of the inscription":—

"Mausoleum.
Thomas Bligh, Lieutenant-General
Of his Majesty's forces, and General of
Horse, who France's Arms withstood at
Dettingen, at Val, at Melle, at
Fontenoy and Cherbourg.
Not for his own but his Country's
Good he made this improvement,
Built all these Houses and Temples
Since the year 1732.
Born A.D. 1695.
Died Aug. the 17, 1775, aged 80 years."

I may say of the inscriptions they are all copied by myself for this special purpose, though some of them are given in Cogan's "History of the Diocese of Meath." I went to the trouble of taking them down myself, as they were not trustworthy in that work.

"GENERAL BLIGH."

"As every nation possesses a commendable emulation when her sons appear eminent, and more particularly in arms, defending their country's cause, we must not omit this fair opportunity now given by one of Hibernia's sons—General Bligh—who lately added much to her glory and service. His father was Thomas Bligh of Rathmore, Esqre., Member of Parliament for the County of Meath, and Privy-Councillor of this Kingdom; married Elizabeth, sister to Lieutenant-General Robert Napier. His eldest brother was created Earl Darnley of Athboy by his late majesty, and by his marriage with Theodosia Hyde, daughter and heir of Edward Earl of Clarendon, the barony of Clifton in England accrued to and is enjoyed by his family. General Bligh was born the 14th of August, 1695; was chosen in October, 1715, M.P. for Athboy, for which he hath ever since

* If the above date, 1216, be correct, this is probably the oldest *dated* Tombstone extant in Ireland. The Editor would be glad if some of his correspondents would give him any information on the subject of dated Tombstones of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries in this country.—E.D.

served ; was made a Captain the 27th of December, 1717, whence by promotion to the post of Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Horse commanded by his uncle. The 26th December, 1740, succeeded Colonel Alexander Ross in his regiment of foot, was made a Brigadier-General of his majesty's armics in July, 1745 ; and in April, 1746, succeeded General Whitshed in command of his dragoons ; the 15th of September, 1747, was made a Major-General ; and the 23rd March, 1754, a Lieutenant-General.

" It is observable that Lieutenant-General Bligh, Commander-in-Chief of his Majesty's Forces in France, dined in Dublin on Thursday, 13th of July last, and on Tuesday," the 8th August, instant, had the honour to entertain His Royal Highness Prince Edward at dinner, in his headquarters at Cherburg in Normandy, 26 days having elapsed from the time of his departure from hence, to that of taking possession of that fortress, and hoisting English colours there—a space little more than sufficient to resolve in a modern council of war, if it was practicable, and the very place where a superior body of troops could not be landed on their return from a late descent on the same coast, as was intended. What will not troops do when under the command of so experienced a general, who for many years has distinguished himself in the service of his king and country ? The taking of Cherbourg was the last military service of the general. He then returned to Ireland and lived principally in Brittas, superintending the planting and improvement of the demesne. Several fields are planted with (now 1888) immense lime trees, set in order as he had his men arranged at the several battles he fought on the Continent. One of the principal woods is called Cherbourg Wood on the ordnance map, though it is not known by that name by the country people.

" The general never married. He is buried at Rathmore, and the present owner of Brittas is descended from a younger brother of his.

" The Blighs were always very popular among the people, always good and considerate landlords to their tenants ; and, as they always lived, till quite lately, in the country—good employers.

" Though the Blighs now own much of the land once held by the Cruises, the country people, when telling old stories round the winter fire, are always sure to say, ' The Blighs have nothing but what they bought from the original grantees at a ridiculously small price,' but that only adds to their popularity, for a sharp bargain has a fascination for the Irish mind." (From a magazine of 1758.)

Nobber churchyard surrounds and occupies the site of an ancient church, said to be built for the Knights Templars by Walter de Lacy, in the 12th century. (Notes to Lynch's " Life of St. Patrick.") The Rev. A. Cogan (" History of Dio. of Meath.") says it belonged to the Knights of St. John. Both may be right. Of this ancient church nothing remains but the western face of the bell-tower or *cluigir*, as the people call it, some 45 ft. high, 21 ft. wide, and the wall 5 ft. 4 inches thick. About 148 ft. east from the tower, are three ancient tombs in a row, so that it is probable they occupied a place near the altar in the old church. The intervening space is all a waste of graves and headstones of modern date. The most important of these tombs is that belonging to the Cruise family.

It consists of a sculptured slab 7 ft. high by 3 ft. wide, set into a wall built to receive it, in modern times. The flag exhibits the effigy of an knight in armour, with sword by his side and spurs on his heels, and has the following inscription round the figure, in raised English letters:—

HERE · LIETH · THE · BODY · OF · GERRLD · CRVVS · OF · THE ·
BRITTAS · AND · MARGRET · PLVNKET · HIS · WIF · WHICH ·
GERRALD · DID · BVYLD · THIS · MONUMENT · AND · IS · HEYRE ·
* * * * * ALY · DESCENDED · FRQM SR · MAVRICE ·
CRVVS · WHO · DIED · THE · FYRST · YEAR · OF · KING · HENRY ·
THE THYRD · ANNO · DOMINI · 1216 · TO · WHOSE · SOVLS ·
* * * * * MERCY · AMEN · 1619 · *

The slab is broken into several fragments, but they have been put together neatly, so that on the whole it is pretty perfect. The inscription is difficult to read, as it is much worn in places. A further inscription over the old one says:—

“ N.B.—Repaired · the · 21 · year · of · the · Reign · of · George · 3rd · 1781.”

That this “ repairing ” took place after the building of the Protestant church alongside (which was built out of materials of the old), an inscription on it leaves no room for doubt—

“ August ye 23,
1771.”

And that the old church was then in a state of ruin, and for many years before, is also probable. It is the tradition of the village, that this church was destroyed during the wars of 1641, which is borne out by the instructions given to Sir Henry Tichborne, Governor of Drogheda, by Colonel Michael Jones, after his great victory at Dungan’s Hill, in this county (8th Augt., 1647), “to summon ‘the Nobber’ and other places possessed by the rebels” on his return home (App. to Meehan’s Con. of Kilk.) It is probable this alludes to the church of the knights, as the Castle of Nobber was destroyed earlier in the war. The minister of Lurgan, County Cavan, who was a prisoner with the rebels, from Oct. 1641 to Augt. ’42, says in depositions, “That the rebels had resolved when he was with them never to hold any castle after they lost Suddlan, and Nobber was burnt. Nor never to meet the English in any pitched battle.” (Apl. 15, 1643.). At all events, there was no other strong building at Nobber at the time.

The “ Brittas ” of the inscription, is the demesne of Brittas, the seat in Ireland of Major Bligh, but once that of the Cruises. Tradition says they lost it for adhering to the cause of James II. In after years they took the long farm of Rahood from the Blighs, and lived there till quite recently, when all of them left for Australia. They were a family of great mental vigour, and members of it rose high in the army both in home and foreign service. In the legal and medical professions they also distinguished themselves. I am glad to say the family is not extinct. Dr. Cruise, the

eminent surgeon, of Dublin, is a worthy representative of the old stock, and I believe the head of the family.

The other two tombs at Nobber are not of much importance, as they have no inscriptions. One is belonging to the family of Balf, and is elaborately carved with the family arms and several emblems of mortality. The Balfs lived at Creg, but are all gone to America many years ago. The other is the "Priest's Tomb" and appears to be very ancient. It exhibits the effigy of an ecclesiastic dressed in his robes, with the hand raised over the shoulders as if in prayer. This stone may, at some time, have had an inscription, as there are some depressions on one side of the figure, very like letters, but so worn from exposure that it is impossible to make anything of them. In the vault beneath, the Roman Catholic clergy of the parish were buried, until the building of their new church, some sixty years ago. Since then it is disused.

CRUISETOWN CHURCHYARD.

About two miles across the fields, S.W. from the village of Nobber, lies this little churchyard of Cruisetown, with a ruined church in very good preservation in its centre. This church was at one time the parish church of the rural parish of Cruisetown, but the church has been a ruin, and the parish united with Nobber from time immemorial, even a later-day building used by the Roman Catholics as a chapel-of-ease, has been discontinued and pulled down.

The Rev. A. Cogan ("History of Dio. of Meath.") describes this ruin in 1867, as being "handsomely situated on a circle of ground embowered in plantations and meadows," but if he had added, "it was flanked by a prehistoric mound of large size, covered mostly with blasted ancient trees, with a little lake lying at its feet, and not one human habitation in view," the picture would be more perfect.

The church was an oblong structure 59 ft. by 18 ft. Within 19 ft. of the eastern end there is a wall which cut off the chancel from the remainder of the church. Of this wall not much remains above the ground. Within this chancel along the southern wall, under a rude arch, is a tomb belonging to this branch of the Cruises which lived here, and gave their name to a townland and parish. The lettering of the inscription is very similar to that in Nobber, but more easily read; it is contained on two or rather three stones, as the Latin motto is on a separate one—

CRVX · BONA · CRVX · DIGNA · CRVX ·
CONTRA · OMNIA · MALIGNA ·

HERE · VNDERNEATH ·
ARE · INTERRED · THE · BODIS ·
OF · WALTER · CRVISE · GRAND
CHILD · TO · CHRISTOPHER ·
CRVISE · OF · THE · NAALL · CR
VISTOWN · GR · ES9VIRE · W
HO · DYED · THE · IIITH · OF · APRILL ·
1663 · AND · ELIZABET · CRVIS
E · HIS · WIFE · DAVGHTER · TO ·
GERRALD · CRVISE · OF · BRIT
TAS ·

WHOSE · ELDEST · SON · PATRI
CKE · CRVISE · CAVSED · THIS ·
TOMBE · TO · BE · ERRECTED · AS ·
A · MONVMNT · OF · ANTI9VITY ·
FOR · HIMSELF · HIS · WIFE · CAT
HERIN · DALTON · AND · THEI
RE · POSTERITY · FOR · EVER ·
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RIOVS · PRINCE · OVR · GRACI
OVS · KING · YAMES · THE ·
SECOND · * * XR * *

Under this is a finely carved horizontal slab, supported by pillars, also carved with figures of angels. The slab and its upper side represents finely executed effigies of a lady and gentleman, clad in antique costume. Over the inscription are two stones bearing the arms of the Cruises, the other the Daltons likely. In the floor, in front, may be seen, among the fragments of masonry and stones, the massive iron ring of the trap-door leading to the vaults beneath. In this part of the ruins (the only ones remaining) are two windows, both walled up with ancient masonry, dating likely from the erection of the tomb ; it is probable that the church was even then in a state of ruin. The one at the east end is round-arched inside, 7 ft. high by 4 ft., but on the outside it is only 3 ft. high by 6½ inches wide. The other, in the south wall, is (inside) 4 ft. 8 inches high by 2 ft. 8 inches wide ; outside it is 2 ft. 10 inches high by 7 inches wide. Both windows are only about 3 ft. from the surface of the floor.

In the churchyard outside is a stone cross, with circle round the arms, and figures of the Virgin and Child and the Crucifixion, on its faces. It has the following inscription on its shaft :—

PRAY · FOR · THE · SOVLS · OF · PATRICK ·
CRVISE · AND · CATHRINE · DALTON · HIS ·
WIFE · DAVGHTER · TO · WILLIAM · DAL-
TON · OF · MILTOVNE · AND · ELIZABETH ·
DALTON · HIS · WIFE · WHO · HAD · THIS ·
CROSS · MADE · AND · THE · WITHIN ·
ANNO · D · 1688 ·

This cross is 7 ft. high, and the arms 3 ft. 9 in. wide. It is probably much sunk in the ground.

The ancient baptismal font is still to be seen inside the ruins. It is quite undecorated, carved out of a block of sandstone, but perfect, pedestal and all.

It is likely this old church belonged to the old Castle of the Cruises, which stood here in the long past. Numerous fragments of masonry peeping through the rich grass, with a deep excavation in the limestone rock, the peasantry always say is the site of this Castle—the first and

principal belonging to the family. Mrs. Mackesy, wife of the rector of the adjoining parish of Castletown Kilpatrick, took down some of the traditions connected with this Castle (there are many such still current in the county), and fashioned them into a beautiful paper, and published them in the *University Magazine* for Sept., 1854, under the name of "Rathmore and its Traditions." I believe some six years afterwards she republished it in book form, but much enlarged, and with illustrations; but, as I never saw the book, I am not sure.

It has been remarked that the few families who now use this churchyard as a place of burial are all old tenants on the Cruisetown estate, or were until lately. Doubtless they are descendants of ancient retainers of the Cruises—those swordsmen of old who followed their liege lord to battle, and when the fight was over, feasted and drank at the hall fire. Even death did not separate master and man, for when their day was spent, both lay down to rest under the shadow of the shrine where they worshipped their God while living. Are all now awaiting the Saviour's resurrection?

This branch of the family is extinct. The last were two old and highly-respected gentlemen who lived at Moydarragh, and rented it from Mr. Shaw, the then owner of Cruisetown. They never married. The last died about the year 1850.

The Rev. Hill Wilson White writes:—

"In a farmer's yard near Multyfarnham, County Meath, there is an ancient font. It is perched up on a wall as an ornament, and not used in any absolutely profane way. It appears to have been removed from a churchyard in the neighbourhood some years ago."

Mr. White also mentions a fine monument erected to a Marshall D'Alton, of Maria Theresa's service, to her glory and the glory of the "Gens Daltonica," crumbling into ruin, some ten miles from him.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

An account of some ancient Tombstones at Timogue Church in this county, will be found in the *Journal of the Royal Historical and Archaeological Association of Ireland* for 1852, by Mr. Daniel Byrne; the dates he gives are 1713 to 1771. One is to Sir Daniel Byrne, Bart., a beautiful white marble monument with armorial bearings, date, 1715. Also others to the Fitzgeralds, Bowens, O'Dempsys, Pigotts of Dysart, the Gilberts of Kilminchy, the Purcells, &c.

COUNTY TIPPERARY.

I have copied the following extracts concerning Tombs and Tombstones in this county, from the "Anthologia Tipperariensis," of John Davis White, Esq., of Cashel, with the view of endeavouring by degrees to

embody a description of all existing Monuments of the Dead in the Reports of this Fund.

Ruins of Ballynahinch Church.—Over the entrance is a stone with this inscription :—

“ Here lieth the remains of the Butler family,
from the year of our Lord 1300.”

Also, a monument erected November, 1821, to Richard Butler Hamilton Lowe, Esq.—(P. 6.)

Thurles Church.—East end an old Altar Tomb, a knight in armour, full size, and his wife, said to belong to one of the Archer family. A fine inscription on it.

In this churchyard, a remarkable Tomb to John Grace, of Brittas, date, 1686.

Several headstones to the memory of ecclesiastics, stated by Archbishop Croke to be buried under the earth.—(P. 10.)

[When I passed through Thurles last year, on my way to Cashel, I paid a hasty visit to this churchyard, and saw the fine Altar Tomb above referred to. Some of the cut stones supporting the top slab had fallen down, and no attempt had been made to have them restored to their places, and thus save the splendid top slab with its richly-carved figures and fine inscription from coming to destruction, although two men in less than an hour could, I think, do all that is necessary to make it safe. In the same churchyard I noticed another Tombstone of an old date broken longitudinally into three pieces, the two side pieces were all right in their places, and the inscription on them was clear and legible, but the centre portion having fallen to the ground at one end, was used as “a slide,” and the inscription on it was fast disappearing under the hob-nails of the Thurles cornerboys and others. I suppose one quarter of an hour would be sufficient for two men to replace this stone, and so save it from injury. But neither incumbent nor churchwardens appear to think these things worthy of their attention! Alas!—Ed.]

St. Bridget's Church.—No trace of ruins. Churchyard still used for burials.—(P. 11.)

Moycarkey Church.—Churchyard quite overgrown with weeds and nettles, making it a service of danger to walk through it.—(P. 12.)

Ballysheehan.—No mention of Tombs.—(P. 12.)

Errey Church.—Some very large stones lying about; remains of a yard ditch; no appearance of graves.—(P. 13.)

Kilconnell Church.—Ruins of old church; no graves apparent. At the old chapel close by are a few graves and two headstones, to Thomas Walsh, 1784, and John Fitzgerald, 1823; this burial-ground has been enclosed lately by the Poor Law Guardians.—(P. 15.)

Dangandargan Church.—Several graves and headstones within the space formerly occupied by the church. The wall which encloses the whole is sadly dilapidated. A Tombstone, which was intended to cover the grave of a great man of the Keating family, lies in one of the dykes, owing, it is said, to its being too heavy to remove further.—(P. 15.)

Templenoe Church.—No signs of graves, and there is no surrounding wall.—(P. 16.)

Loughtrent.—The churchyard well enclosed; some of the ancient walls still remain.—(P. 16.)

Garranlea.—Burial-ground well enclosed; monumental pillar to the late Leonard Keating and his wife.—(P. 16.)

Roesgreen.—Open vault with a large Altar Tomb over it; inscription effaced; probably burial-place of the Lowes.

Camas Burial-Ground.—Outline of a churchyard. A few moss-grown stones, few and far between, peep above the grass; no regular outline of a building, nor any appearance of a grave.—(P. 16.)

Kilbrista Church, in townland of Camas.—Outline of a churchyard. Church in ruins; a few stones only remaining.—(P. 16.)

Athassel Abbey.—An engraved slab, with figures more than half life-size, and portion of an inscription. Fragments of two stone figures. The Grene family have a burial-place in centre of the cloisters. D'Altans have also an enclosed burial-ground in one of the cells west of the cloisters.—(P. 21.)

In the cemetery attached to the abbey were interred the de Burghos, Earls of Ulster, until that family and the Clanricardes came, in the 14th century, to be interred in the Athenry Abbey.—(P. 25.)

Ballygriffin.—Some of the walls still standing (ruin). Burial-place of the Fitzgerald family, also of the Corcorans.—(P. 26.)

Templedavoren.—In churchyard, family vaults belonging to persons of the farming class; Nugents, &c.—(P. 26.)

Ballyclerihan.—Churchyard, &c., overgrown with nettles; old tombstones, but too well guarded by nettles to be found; Mockleys said to be buried here.—(P. 27.)

Crohane.—A couple of old tombstones—one to memory of Lieutenant Humphrey Minchin, of Shangarry; the other to the Millet family. Time of Cromwell.—(P. 27.)

Ballytarsna.—The stone coffin of Sir William Hackett is used as a holy-water vessel in the chapel, Cashel, and its stone lid is built into the wall of St. John's churchyard.—(P. 28.)

Goile Church.—Burial-place of the Phillips family. Mr. Richard Phillips has at his own expense enclosed the graveyard with a substantial wall.—(P. 28.) [Well done.—ED.]

Solloghehdbeg Church.—Traces of burials, large stones being at the heads of graves; as a cemetery abandoned. Church and churchyard used for pasture by occupier of adjoining land. [Who is accountable for this?—ED.]

Boystour Rath.—Chancel is now a vault for the family of Roe.—(Pt. ii., p. 31.)

Magorban.—Churchyard crowded with tombstones.—(P. 31.) [Not yet copied.]

Glankeen.—Old inscriptions on slabs in churchyard wall to the De Burghs, &c., 1626.—(P. 32.)

Templemore.—The old churchyard for many years the last resting-place of the rude forefathers, and is still the burial-place of some of the leading

families in the neighbourhood. There are many old tombstones, the inscriptions on most of them being scarcely decipherable; one 1632.—(P. 41.)

Ballinure.—The writer remarks “that this graveyard—and graveyards, as a rule, in Ireland—bear striking evidences of being totally and irreverently neglected. There is nothing suggestive of that sweet, calm, solemn repose which the Christian is taught to associate with the sleep of the just; everything is forgotten, everything is neglected, even the tombstones are displaced by foul grass, nettles and weeds in abundance; decay, rankness, rottenness, everywhere.” He remarks on the contrast of the cemeteries of the Continent and England, and mentions having seen the mangled remains of a child which had been torn from its newly-made grave and partly devoured by dogs. We doubt if matters are better looked after there now. He adds:—“Certainly the graveyards in and around Cashel ought to be tended more carefully.” There are here the remains of an old church, used as a ball-court!—(P. 45.)

[This description of Mr. White's would, I fear, answer for many more burial-grounds throughout Ireland.—ED.]

Kilmore Church.—A few small stones only remain, which were probably too unhandy to be taken for building purposes elsewhere. It is said that Kilmore House, now the residence of George Thompson, Esq., was partly built with the stones of this old church, as it lies at a short distance.—(P. 54.)

Kilpatrick.—The churchyard, a large one, well fenced, filled with graves and headstones.—(P. 55.)

Toem-berig.—Twelve inscriptions upon tombstones in Toem Church-yard are given, the earliest date being 1700.—(P. 58.)

Longh Kent.—Leadstone of a person of the name of M'Eniry is built into the east window. Outside is a tomb to Mr. Carew, of Woodenstown, and there are a good number of other tombs and headstones, but some of the former are so covered with moss that it almost impossible to read them.—(P. 64.)

“In the old burial-ground at Monaincha, about three miles from Roscrea, there is a figure, of granite or gritstone, four feet in height. It is at the south side of the entrance to the church, and is embedded in a square stone. At first sight it seems like a figure with its arms akimbo, and there is loosely placed upon its head a stone like a turban, and near its feet are the fragments of the top of a handsome window cut in limestone. In Ledwich's time it appears that this figure existed perfect as a beautiful Celtic cross, with a figure of our Lord, clothed, as upon that at the Rock of Cashel. It is utterly disgraceful to find that, within the last century, more wanton injury has been done to the ancient monuments in Ireland than had been committed in many hundred years previous. What civil war and ignorance had spared, has been ruthlessly destroyed before the advance of education and civilisation. It would make a saint, not to say a sinner, angry to see this ridiculous-looking remnant of what ought to have been held in reverence by anyone who was not a savage.”

COUNTY WATERFORD.

"The famous Raymond le Gros, from whom the Redmonds claim descent, is interred in the beautiful Abbey of Molana, on the banks of the Blackwater, some miles from this (Cappoquin), and nothing but an urn, as if he had been cremated, marks the spot."

The above is an extract from a letter from Dr. G. Redmond.

It was under Raymond le Gros that Dublin was taken by the Anglo-Norman force in 1171." He married Strongbow's sister, third Earl of Pembroke.

COUNTY WESTMEATH.

The Rev. W. C. Kittson has kindly sent me an account of the church plate of St. Mary's, Athlone, which I am very glad to be able to place on record in these pages, and I shall be particularly obliged to any other gentlemen who will follow his example and furnish me with the fullest particulars of any church plate they can have access to, and permission to describe.

The presence of a "knife, fork, and spoon," appear to be very unusual. The editor would be glad to hear of other instances of their being supplied to churches in Ireland.

1. Flagon, solid silver; plain, with ornamental handle; bears the following inscription :—

"The gift of Henry St. George, Brother to Arthur St. George, Esq.,
to the Parish and Parish Church of St. Mary, Athlone,
Anno 1702,
The Reverend Edward Waller being Rector."

2. Large (or credence) paten, solid silver; plain; bears the following inscription :—

"Ex dono Francisci Lambert ad Usum Ecclesia St. Mariae, Athlone,
22^o Junij 1702."

3. Small paten, solid silver; plain; no inscription.

4. Large chalice; solid silver; shape nearly approaching that of cutting enclosed; it bears the following inscriptions :—

(a) On cup—

"Ex dono Mariæ Dodwell, uxoris Henrico Dodwell, S.T.D., 1676."

(b) On base—

"For Saint Mary's Church of Athlone."

"Renovatus a Robt. Handcock, D.D., 1816."

5. Plated chalice, presented by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, bearing the inscription :—

"Athlone Church, 1843."

6. Spoon; silver; perforated—

"Ex dono Robt. Handcock, D.D., 1816."

7. Knife; do. do.

8. Fork; do. No inscription.

COUNTY WEXFORD.

I am indebted to the Rev. John Alexander, Rector of Mulrankin, for kindly contributing the following valuable information respecting the monuments, church plate, font, bell, and books of his parish. I look forward to receiving the list of rectors of this parish from 1661, when Mr. Alexander has time to copy them for me.—ED.

The bell has no inscription on it.

The font is modern, and of granite.

The Paten—inscription :

"Anna Bunbury Vidua et Relicta Thomæ Bunbury cler : Eccliae de Mulrankan in Com : Wexford quædam Rector me Eccliae p: a humiliter (?) dedit 25 Decembris 1713."

The Chalice—

"Reverendus Rogerus Vigors nuper Rector de Mulrankan me dictæ Ecclesie donavit 17^o Die Augt : 1735."

The Flagon is dated 1872, and was bought by subscription.

The Alms Plate, given by the present Rector, the Rev. John Alexander, 1876, bears a similar inscription to the paten above, save dates and name. On a mural tablet in St. Patrick's Church, Kilmore :—

"Hic jacet Walterus Whittey de Balleige, &c., Armiger, qui obijt 9 Novembris anno Domini 1630, et Helena uxor ejus filia Hamundi Stafford de Balleconnoure Generosi, quæ obijt 27 Aprilis anno Domini 1646, et Catherina prima uxor Richardi Whittey Armigeri filia Philippi Devereux de Ballemagir Armigeri quæ obijt 18 Augusti anno 1646. Quorum gratia idem Richardus primogenitus p:dicti Walteri et Helenæ cum uxore sua secunda Catherina Eustace filia Olyer Eustace de Balle-nunry Armigeri me fieri fecit 29 January anno Domini 1647."

Below the Latin inscription is the following doggerel verse, in English :—

"Yee Christian friends, in passing bye,
Your prayers we humbly crave,
That here interred, expectinge Christ,
A fitting place may have ;
And so for them that went before
Prayers yow may surely yielde,
The liche of those that are to come,
Expectinge when yow have neede."

Portion of inscription on an old chalice, formerly in use in the church in which this tomb is :—

.... "tis qui me renovati fecit in honore S. P.
pro parochia de Kilmore ano Do 1648."

This chalice is still in existence.—ED.

Epitaph on an old tombstone in Mulrankin Churchyard, County Wexford :—

"Here lies a jolly, merry blade,
Who's gone, and now is but a shade,
To teach the ghosts a masquerade.
But Pluto likes not such a guest—
Bids him depart, and go to rest.
Francis Hodgenson, Dancing Master,
died 17 . ." (?)

This stone is no longer to be found. Much cannot be said in favour of the inscription.—ED.

N O T I C E.

The Report for the year 1889 is nearly ready for Press, and will be very soon in the Printer's hands.—ED.

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With Colours Philip Rogers
Captain R. G. M.

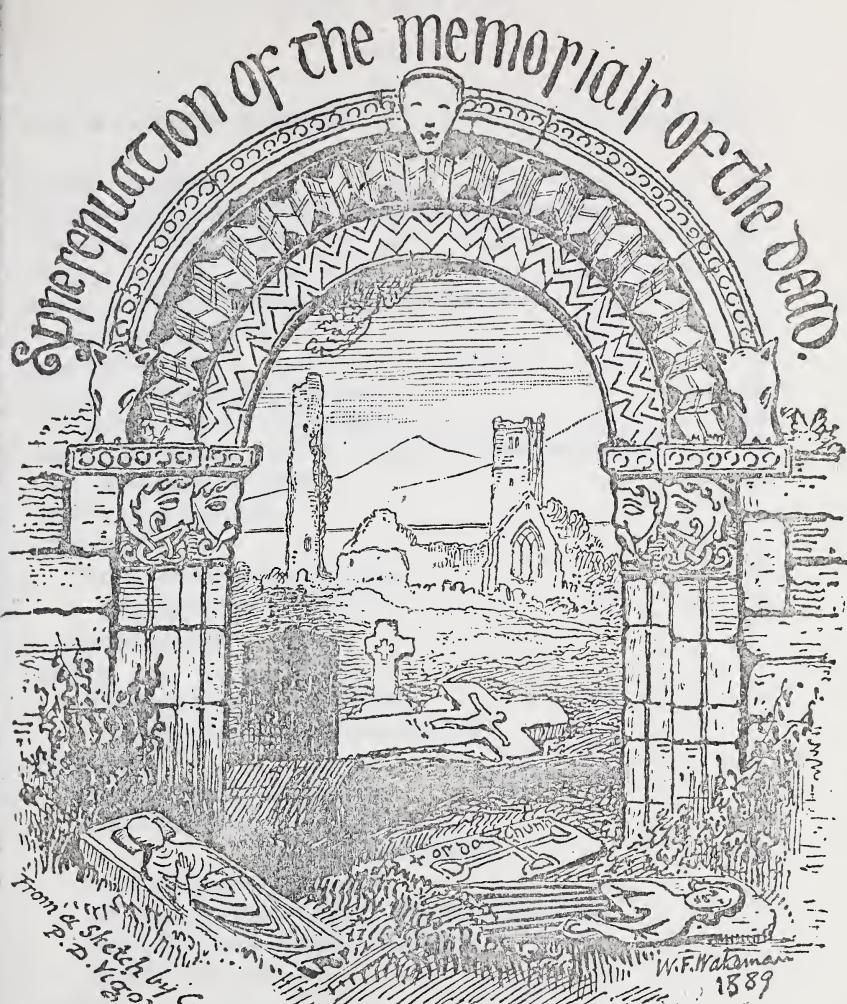


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TOMB OF RADOVIHUS AT GOWRAN, COUNTY KILKENNY, A.D. 1253.

(See pp. 92, 93.)

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"Now generous reader, let me intreat your furtherance thus farre, that in thy neighbouring churches, if thou shalte finde any ancient funeral inscriptions, or antique obliterated monuments, thou wouldest copie out the one, and take so much relation of the other as tradition can deliver; as also to take the inscriptions and epitaphs upon tombes and grave stones, which are of those [or later] times: and withall to take order that such thy collections, notes, and observations may come safely to my hands: and I shall rest ever obliged to acknowledge thy paines and curtesie."—WEEVER.—*Gloucestershire Notes and Queries.*

"Jam paree sepulto
Parce pias scelerare manus."—*Virgil.*

TRANSLATION.—Now deal reverently with my dust. Forbear to pollute thy holy hands.

"Every stone that we look upon in this Repository of past ages, is both an Entertainment and a Monitor."—*Plain Dealer.*

“Tu mihi terram
Injice namque potes
Sedibus ut saltam placedis
In morte quiescam.”

TRANSLATION.—Do thou, since it is in thy power so to do, sprinkle the earth over my remains, *that at least after death I may rest in an undisturbed grave.*

Preservation of the Memorials of the Dead IN IRELAND.

REPORT FOR 1889.

"Time corrodes our epitaphs, and buries our very tombstones."

IN issuing the above, the Editor trusts that those ladies and gentlemen who have been kind enough to contribute to the Fund for the Preservation of the Monumental Memorials of the Dead in this country, and to the better keeping of our burial-grounds, may find much to interest them, and to encourage them in supporting the undertaking—for, without the help, both monetary and literary, of the subscribers and others, it will be impossible to carry on the work as the Editor could wish.

In the present Report will be found much subject for congratulation, not only in the information itself that is given, but in the increased and varied nature of it. Counties that had not hitherto subscribed or sent information, have done so during this year. Increased interest is evidently taken in the subject by the public, and all that is now required to make the effort (which at one time resembled the labours of Hercules at the Augean stables) "an accomplished fact" is, that a larger number of subscribers should join, from *every* county in Ireland, so as to enable the Editor to increase the notices of monuments, and to add illustrations of remarkable ones.

The subjoined remarks of the Press on the Report of last year are very gratifying to the Editor; and he takes this opportunity of thanking the proprietors of those newspapers who have been good enough to draw the attention of their readers to the subject, and to assure them that he considers there is no more certain way to enlist the feelings of the public in the work than by thus directing their attention to it. He regrets that pressure on his space will not allow him to give fuller quotations from those reviews, but he trusts the following short extracts will enable the subscribers to appreciate the manner in which the work has been received by the public.

The Irish Times says:—"A very laudable effort is being made by Colonel Vigors of Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow, to raise a Fund for preserving the

Memorials of the Dead in Ireland. Many of the churchyards of Ireland are in a ruinous state, and do not reflect credit on a population, one of whose traditional virtues is reverence for the departed. Valuable records of the past contained on tombstones and memorials of various kinds are being allowed gradually to sink into the ground, or to be obliterated in various ways. The Report of the association for the preservation of such monuments offers a very practical suggestion—that, where it is impossible to preserve these memorials, copies of the inscriptions should be made and recorded in some antiquarian or local journals. The clergymen of all denominations can afford valuable help in preserving and noting anything worthy of notice in their various localities, and any information which they may require will be gladly supplied by Colonel Vigors."

The Dublin Evening Mail.—“The objects of this new movement are such as will commend themselves to everyone who is not impervious to the respect which belongs to the Dead and their Memorials.”

The Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette.—“Decency and piety alike suggest a loving reverence for the graves of our forefathers, and for the often important statements recorded on the stones which cover their mortal remains. It is certainly within the power of the clergy of all denominations to take the lead in this matter. Colonel Vigors, whose address is Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow, will be glad to communicate with any of our readers who may desire to promote the important work which he has in hand.”

United Ireland.—“Most interesting and graphic descriptions are given of many ancient memorials in the report. The record is valuable, and full of historic interest. Colonel Vigors, who has undertaken the work, is a cultured antiquary, and appears to have his heart in the laudable work. It is to be noted that this Fund is purely antiquarian in its origin, and all political and controversial matters are excluded from its operation.”

The Irish Builder.—“The first report of the Fund for the Preservation of the Memorials of the Dead has just been issued. From the notes furnished in its pages from sixteen counties as to the neglected state of the many fine monuments to be found in the churchyards therein, it is clearly shown that not a day too soon has the matter been taken up, and strong efforts made to enlist the sympathy and support of all classes.”

The Sligo Independent.—“The descriptions given of inscriptions on ancient tombs and monuments in different parts of the country, cannot fail to repay those who peruse them.”

The Fermanagh Times.—“We see in the report just issued a large amount of most interesting information, and we trust that it duly provides us with a foretaste of what we may expect in the future.”

The Carlow Sentinel.—“We have just been favored with a copy of the

report of the Fund organised and collected by Colonel Vigors, for the year 1888. We would earnestly direct our readers to its perusal. A glance at the preface of this report, from the pen of its accomplished Editor, must convince the most unthinking of the pressing and absolute necessity that exists for such an association."

The Wexford Independent.—“We would respectfully suggest that public officials, such as clerks of the boards of guardians, &c., should put themselves in communication with the secretary of the Fund, who will furnish them with a report, and enable them to pursue an object which carries with it its own reward, and is a most meritorious and unselfish task.”

The Cashel Gazette.—“Colonel Vigors’ report contains a large amount of interesting matter, and few intelligent men or women can read it without being fired with a zeal in the cause of which he is an enthusiastic worker.”

The Carlow Nationalist.—“In a country like Ireland, so rich in ancient religious monuments and in wealth of sacred lore and romantic biographical records, the preservation of ancient memorials and records should be a matter of the deepest interest.”

The Kilkenny Moderator.—“The most characteristic feature of the present number is, that it is a revelation of astonishing vandalism in the way of neglect of churchyards and destruction of monuments.”

The Dundalk Examiner.—“We look with pleasure on the antiquarian spirit that has called this Fund into being, and we hope the operations of those who have set themselves to work in the rich field of the monumental antiquities of Ireland, will extend to Louth.”

The Western Antiquary (Plymouth).—“The pamphlet possesses exceptional interest. We heartily wish it success, and trust that many of our subscribers will communicate with Colonel Vigors, and give him pecuniary help” [for the work].

We conclude the extracts from the reviews of our work in the public Press by a review from *The Clonmel Chronicle*, which, as it so plainly puts before our readers the objects for which our Fund was formed, we have transferred without abridgment to our pages :—

“We hail with pleasure the appearance of this new antiquarian effort to take up a field that has been heretofore to a great extent unworked. England, that can boast of a multitude of Antiquarian Societies, finds room for a Society for the Preservation of the Memorials of the Dead, and surely Ireland, with its vast antiquarian treasures, has room for a fund to be devoted to the same purpose. In this country we have only two Antiquarian Associations of note—the Royal Irish Academy, and the Royal Society of Antiquaries—and, for various reasons, neither of these

associations could in an adequate manner superintend the Preservation of the Monumental Memorials of the Dead. The Royal Irish Academy is essentially a scientific and literary society, and antiquarian research is only one branch of the great field that is included within the scope of its proceedings. It has been, indeed, the very mother, the school and fountain of all antiquarian research in Ireland, and the invaluable library that it has collected is the pride and the treasure of Irish antiquaries ; but so far from the Preservation of the Monumental Memorials of the Dead coming within its province, "we believe we are correct in saying that even the accumulation of its noble museum "was more forced upon it than sought out by it." The Kilkenny Archaeological Society, now known as the Royal Society of Antiquaries, made some effort in this direction, notably at Jerpoint and Clonmacnoise, and from time to time engravings and descriptions of monumental memorials have appeared in the pages of its journal, so that perhaps as large a portion of its attention as it could fairly be expected to devote has been given to this subject ; but when we remember that the Royal Society of Antiquaries includes within the field of its operations all the raths, lisses, caiseals, cromlechs, &c.—all the abbeys, churches, castles, and towers in Ireland—also, the history, manners, customs, and traditions of the country from the remotest periods ; we can at once see that the time it could give to the Preservation of the Monumental Memorials of the Dead must be small indeed, and that if some special agency was not devoted to this purpose, there was a danger that there would soon be no ancient Monumental Memorials of the Dead to preserve. If any of our readers wish to obtain further information as to the necessity that exists for this special effort, we would ask them to read the able and interesting introduction and report written by the editor, Colonel P. D. Vigors, of Holloden, Bagenalstown. Colonel Vigors is well known in the antiquarian world as an energetic and enthusiastic antiquary, and a courteous and cultivated gentleman. If the Fund for the Preservation of the Memorials of the Dead did nothing more than provide us with a reliable record of monumental inscriptions, it would supply a want that has been long felt by the historian and genealogist, and in some instances might be an invaluable help in proving a title to property. We understand that it is intended to keep this Fund free altogether from controverted matters, both in religion and politics."

The Cork Constitution.—"A valuable work, and explains fully the object of the subscribers."

The Galway Express.—"The Colonel appeals for subscriptions to carry on the praiseworthy work, and we feel certain he will not appeal in vain."

Gloucestershire Notes and Queries.—"Fund for the Preservation of the Memorials of the Dead in Ireland.—We thank Colonel Vigors for a copy

of the above important document, and we feel assured that of those who study its contents, some, if not all, will evince a practical interest in what he is doing."

The Editor has also to thank the proprietor of the *Kerry Evening Post* for a very friendly notice of his work.

He cannot permit these pages to go to press, without recording the severe loss Archaeology has suffered in the recent death of the able and learned editor of *Gloucestershire Notes and Queries*—the Rev. Beaver H. Blacker, M.A., T.C.D.,—in whom he has lost a kind and valued friend.

The Editor also desires to take this opportunity of thanking the many eminent antiquaries who have written to him, to express their marked approval of the work he has taken in hands.

Before proceeding further, I wish to impress on my readers the importance of seeking information from all sources.

The farming class, and labourers even, may be spoken to with beneficial results, not only to this special work, but to Archaeology in general.

From having mentioned the subject to some people in humble stations in life in my own county, I have received *valuable* information of archaeological remains hitherto either unknown to the public or at least undescribed. Thus I was informed of two ancient graves, accidentally discovered by a farmer's son last spring, and an account of which, with other recent discoveries in this county, I am about to send to the Royal Society of Antiquaries, in my capacity of Hon. Secretary for the Co. Carlow. Two carved stones, the bases of three ancient crosses, several capped stones, and part of an ancient tombstone, have all been brought to my notice by farmers and labourers; and even very clear and truthful representations of some of them, with measurements, have been furnished me. It must be clear to anyone considering this matter, that the cause of Archaeology cannot fail to be benefitted by such extension of knowledge; and probably in many instances it may prove the means of the discovery and preservation of objects of interest, at present unknown.

Let it be remembered that tombstones and monuments, fonts, and church bells have often descended from their original purpose, to secular, if not to worse, uses. I knew a case of an engraved tombstone forming part of the enclosure of a pig-sty! In my first Report I mentioned numerous cases where tombstones, &c., had been put to use in private buildings, out-houses, &c. I have seen a perfect font, of considerable antiquity, in use as a "flower-pot"; and I have been informed of two other similar cases, all of which are now engaging my attention, with hopes of having them restored to their proper places. But perhaps the most extraordinary use for a tombstone to be put to, is that named in the

annexed paragraph. I give it in its entirety. It lately appeared in a newspaper :—

“BAKED ON A TOMBSTONE!—There has been much alarm caused at Reading. It arose in this way. One lady discovered a skull and cross-bones faintly but distinctly printed on her quern loaf. Another found ‘Resurgam’ on hers. Finally, one in the bloom of youth and health got a loaf with ‘Died on the 20th of September’ on it, and she concluded at once she had only a short time to live. She would, perhaps, have brought about the fulfilment of the prophecy by dying of fright, had not the cause of these warnings been discovered. The baker’s oven wanted fresh bottoming, and he had very improperly applied some old tablets in a disused churchyard for that purpose. Though nicely polished by the wear of years, they had retained enough of their inscriptions to give some faint impressions to the bread, and some very strong ones to the purchasers”!!!

Sacrilege still goes on. The following is an extract from a letter in *The Daily Express* of 1st September, signed by E. R. Tenison, Esq., M.D., London :—

“When at Cong Abbey, Co. Mayo, at the beginning of this month, I and those with me saw in a portion of the ruins (said to be the sacristy) a quantity of human skulls and bones, some having the flesh still adherent, thrown together and heaped up in the most disgusting manner. On inquiring why this state of things was permitted, we were informed by an old man, who acted as cicerone, ‘that the ground was so full that it was necessary to dig up the bodies already interred and put them in the sacristy, in order to make room for new burials, and that sometimes the bones were carted away for manure.’ We could get no other information, and turned away with the feeling that nothing more scandalous could be met with in a Christian country.”

I hope this will be copied into the country and local papers. It is a scandal that surely the clergy and local gentry will not allow to be continued. I most sincerely look forward to receiving notice that such steps will be taken as may be necessary to put a stop to this most disgraceful practice, for such it would appear to be by Dr. Tenison’s letter, above quoted.

Baring Gould, in one of his tales, says :—“The havoc that has been wrought in our churches *within the last thirty years* is indescribable.” He says :—“The ruthless and relentless activity with which churches have been attacked, one after another, and robbed of all that could charm and interest, reminds one of the desert strewn with dry bones, and left without flesh or marrow. . . . No sooner does a zealous incumbent find himself in the way of collecting money to do up his church, than he rubs his hands over it, and says—‘Embowelled will I see thee by and by.’ Falstaff

was fortunately able to get away from the knife. Alas! not so our beautiful old churches. The architect and contractor are called in, and the 'embowelling' goes on apace. All the old fittings are cast forth, the monumental slabs broken up, the walls are scraped and painted, plaster everywhere peeled off, rood-screens removed, unique and magnificent carved oak, and heraldic animals, all disappear."

[This is restoration of the nineteenth century!—ED.]

Mr. Arthur Jewers, F.S.A., speaks of "the destroying hand of the [church] restorer." Can nothing be done to make him bear a better name?

I have been requested to insert in this Report the method of taking "Rubbings" of inscriptions, arms, crests, and suchlike, for the information of those who may wish to take them, but who do not understand the process; it is extremely simple:—*White calico* (yard wide, if you can get it), or large sheets of white paper, or even a roll of room-paper when the *back* is white, will do; and, if too narrow, two strips can be pasted together before or after the rubbing is taken. I use *heel-ball*, the same as what shoemakers use ($\frac{1}{2}$ d. a-ball), if you have not got any with you, you can use grass or soft green leaves. Place the calico or paper on the object to be copied; put weights on the corners so as to prevent the paper moving *in the least*; rub the heel-ball evenly over the letters or other objects you wish to have a copy of, and a faithful representation will be obtained.

When the stone is rough or worn, some difficulty is often experienced in taking a good clear rubbing. A little practice will soon teach any one. I generally compare my rubbing after doing it, with the original, to see if any part requires touching up, and before taking my finished rubbing I sometimes make a *trial* rubbing with a sheet of paper. If you study the inscription, &c., well *before* you commence, you can judge as you go on how your work is progressing.

Above everything, *be careful your paper or calico does not move* in the least, or all your work may be useless.

It may be well here to point out to those interested in monuments in churches, that the insurance of the *building* does not include the monuments, unless separately mentioned, and a specific sum placed on them, the rate for which is 1s. 6d. per cent.

The following extract from a work entitled "Who are the Irish?" by James Bonwick, 1880, is worthy the attention of all interested in the

preservation of our national antiquities, whether monumental or otherwise. At page 69 he writes:—"On the Ordnance map of Munster, not less than 10,000 of these works [ancient forts, &c.] are noted, of which at least half have disappeared, destroyed by the improvements of farmers"!! [And, I would add, of many who are not farmers.—ED.]

Further on (page 93), in speaking of Ogham monuments, he says:— "The first was observed in 1785. One hundred and forty-seven occur in the Counties of Kerry, Cork, and Waterford, and only thirteen elsewhere in Ireland." [It is probable that others have been discovered since the date on which the above was written.—ED.]

I trust that Bishop Graves' forthcoming work on this class of monuments will give us an exhaustive account and description of these curious stones up to the present year.

Mr. Brash's able work on the subject is now more than ten years published, that distinguished antiquary having died in 1876. To all who are interested in Ogham writings, let me recommend them to supply themselves with his valuable and elaborate treatise of the subject.

As many of my readers may not have seen the Report for the year 1888, in which the objects I have in view, and 'am endeavouring to carry out, are mentioned, I repeat them here.

They are:—

- I.—To endeavour to rouse the attention of the Clergy and Laity to the present generally very disgraceful state of the burial-grounds in Ireland, and to enlist their sympathy and active aid in getting them into better order, and enclosed, where they require it; to strive to have them preserved and protected, and treated with the respect and veneration due to them.
- II.—To secure a record of *all* existing tombs and monuments of any interest—by having their inscriptions carefully and accurately copied; and to obtain information, as far as possible, of those that have been removed or destroyed.
- III.—To watch carefully works carried on in, and about, churches, &c., so as to prevent injury to monuments and tombstones.
- IV.—To repair tombs of National interest where the present representatives of the deceased are not in a position to do so, and that the Funds admit of it (as in the case of Richard Millikin's tombstone at Douglas, Co. Cork—the author of "The Groves of Blarney"—which has lately been done).
- V.—To print annually a Report of work done, and requiring to be done, and also such other matter connected with the Ancient Memorials of the Dead in this country as may be thought desirable.

VI.—The printing of extracts of interest from chapter books, parochial and other registers and records, is thought very desirable, and the Clergy are earnestly requested to furnish them, as well as any other information they can give connected with their churches and parishes, and disused burial-grounds.

VII.—Accounts of ancient fonts, bells, church plate, and memorial glass, are also requested, with sketches, photographs or rubbings, where convenient, and copies of inscriptions thereon, will be thankfully received.

It is hoped that in course of time, through the help of this work, a complete list of all tombstones and monuments, now in existence and legible, may be formed, the great value of which it is unnecessary to enlarge upon here.

To enable the Editor to carry on the above work, subscriptions are absolutely necessary, and are earnestly requested.

Life Subscription	...	...	...	Five Pounds.
Annual do.	...	...	...	Five Shillings.

All subscriptions to be sent to—

COLONEL P. D. VIGORS,
Holloden, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.

Let me ask you to mention this work to your friends (both ladies and gentlemen), and to use your influence with them to obtain their support and co-operation.

I fear many people have dismissed the subject of these Reports with the hastily-uttered expression "that they were not Antiquaries," or "that they knew nothing about it," and such like. Let me remind them that this is not a question of Antiquarianism, but one that every well-disposed and thoughtful person should have an interest in, and a desire to see carried out, and to which they should give practical help.

The Dignitaries of the Churches, and their Clergy, should be the first to move in this matter, for it would seem to be their especial function to see that more reverential respect was paid to what is under their particular care, and what is so intimately connected with the faithful discharge of their sacred office; because, assuredly, our burial-grounds and their contents come under this head.

Nor can the Laity excuse themselves, under the plea that this is exclusively a clerical matter, as they also must be held answerable for the neglected state of the burial-grounds of Ireland.

It appears to me that any educated and thoughtful person should feel

great pleasure at being the means of helping to bring about a better state of things regarding the churchyards or other burial-grounds near him, or, indeed, anywhere. There is no saying what might not be the result of one *good example*. Mighty streams have often tiny sources; and great events, we know, often spring from small beginnings.

Let me again beg the attentive consideration of this subject from all who read these Reports, and let me ask them to give me practical help, by not only personal exertions in the cause, but also by losing no opportunity of endeavouring to enlist the sympathy and support of their neighbours and acquaintances.

On the point of going to press, I think it right not to lose this early opportunity of bringing the subjoined letter, from the Rev. Hugh McNeill, under the notice of my readers. Are we never to hear the end of "vandalism" in sacred matters?—

"**OLD CHURCH PLATE.**—A few days ago I was informed by a Belfast silversmith that lately he had been asked to purchase several ancient pieces of solid silver Church Plate, with the donor's name engraved thereon; and the proposal was not made by burglars, but by those into whose charge, unfortunately, the plate had been entrusted, and who sold the ancient silver consecrated vessels to buy modern electro-plate, under the idea that they were "doing God service." The silversmith told me that a great amount of ancient Church Plate has of late years been sold in Belfast and Dublin, and electro-plate substituted for it—a sham thing with a falsehood in the heart of it, used in the most sacred part of our service, without the apology of necessity. A high ecclesiastical authority pronounces such acts to be "sacrilege." Can anything be done to prevent and remedy such vandalism, —such offences against good taste and all feeling of reverence for things divine? Prior to his late visitation, the Bishop of Down, Connor, and Dromore required from his Rural Deans a list of all the Church Plate in the diocese—a wise and great example to all in authority.

HUGH MCNEILL, Rector of Derrykeighan."

Ought it not to be considered that Church Plate, having been given to the Parish, becomes an heirloom thereof, and that no incumbent or church-warden or other parish authority have any power to dispose of what is the property of *future* parishioners, as well as of those for the time being?—
[ED.]

It is with much regret that the Editor has to notice that there are still several counties in Ireland that have not as yet contributed a single shilling to the work he has undertaken.

It cannot be that there is no one person within their boundary who cares "one baubee" for the resting-place of their ancestors, or for the better order and preservation of the consecrated ground within which they lie!

Is there no one who will take up this subject and help the Editor in these counties? Surely no words should be required to induce them to do *their duty* in this respect, remembering always that—

" Days and moments quickly flying,
 Blend the living with the dead.
Soon shall you and I be lying
 Each within his narrow bed."

The following counties, it will be seen by the annexed List of Subscribers, have not yet contributed towards the work I am endeavouring to carry out. It is hoped that next year's Report may show a large diminution in their numbers, and an interest in the work when it becomes more generally known :—

Armagh	Leitrim	Roscommon
Cavan	Londonderry	Sligo
Donegal	Longford	Tyrone
Fermanagh	Meath	Westmeath
Galway	Monaghan	and
King's County	Queen's County	Wicklow

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS FOR 1889.

			Balance credit from 1888	£	13	3	6
J. H. Weldon, Esq.	...	Kilmallock	...	0	5	0	
The Rev. Jas. F. M. ffrench	...	Co. Carlow	...	0	5	0	
J. F. Fuller	...	Dublin	...	0	5	0	
P. J. Lynch	...	Tralee	...	0	10	0	
The Rev. T. Olden	...	Mallow	...	0	5	0	
The Rev. Jos. R. Triphook	...	Kildare	...	0	5	0	
A. H. Smith-Barry (Life Subscript ⁿ)	Cork	...	5	0	0		
Mrs. Dodge	...	Saddle Rock, New York	0	5	0		
The Most Rev. M. Comerford	...	Kildare	...	0	5	0	
The Rev. E. D. Cleaver	...	Dolgelly, Wales	...	0	5	0	
Miss F. S. Wynne	...	Carlow	...	0	5	0	
The Rev. W. Healy, P.P.	...	Kilkenny	...	0	5	0	
The Rev. S. Nesbitt	...	Newtownbarry, Wexford	0	5	0		
G. E. Dormer, M.R.C.S.I.	...	"	"	0	5	0	
S. Guilbride	...	"	"	0	5	0	
Miss Alicia M. Kearney	...	Waterford	...	0	5	0	
Robert Cochrane, C.E., M.R.I.A.	...	Dublin	...	0	5	0	
R. Langrishe	...	Athlone	...	0	5	0	
Rev. Allen R. Cliffe	...	Kingstown, Dublin	...	0	5	0	
W. R. Molloy, M.R.I.A.	...	Donnybrook, Dublin	...	0	5	0	
Major J. Bailie	...	Ringdufferin, Down	...	0	5	0	
The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Clogher	...	Clones	...	0	5	0	
Deputy Surgeon-General H. King	...	Dublin	...	0	5	0	
The Rev. E. F. Hewson	...	Gowran, Kilkenny	...	0	5	0	
The Ven. the Archdeacon of Ossory	...	Thomastown, Kilkenny	0	5	0		
J. C. Brady	...	Myshall, Carlow	...	0	5	0	
B. R. Balfour, D.L.	...	Louth	...	0	5	0	
The Rev. Beaver H. Blacker	...	Clifton, Bristol	...	0	5	0	
The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Cashel and Waterford	...	Waterford	...	0	5	0	
The Rev. Canon J. Grainger	...	Antrim	...	0	5	0	
Captain T. Grove-White	...	Doneraile, Cork	...	0	5	0	

W. E. Kelly ...	...	...	Melcomb, Newport, Mayo.	£0	5	0	
Mrs. W. E. Kelly	...	...	" " "	0	5	0	
E. Thos. O'Donel, J.P.	...	...	Newport House	„	0	5	0
R. G. Tomlinson	...	...	Palmerston-road, Rath-				
			mines, Dublin	...	0	5	0
William Flynn	...	...	Impl. Hotel, Ballina, Mayo	0	5	0	
Thos. F. Ruttledge	...	...	Turlogh Park, Castlebar,				
			Mayo	...	0	5	0
M. J. Kelly, C.S.	...	...	Castlebar, Mayo	...	0	5	0
Henry D. Livingstone, J.P.	...	...	Westport, Mayo	...	0	5	0
The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of							
Limerick, &c.	...	...	The Palace, Limerick	0	5	0	
Arthur Hill, B.E.	...	...	Cork	...	0	5	0
The Countess of Kingston	...	...	Mitchelstown Castle,				
			Cork	...	0	5	0
The Rev. Thos. Tynan, P.P.	...	...	Leighlin Bridge, Carlow	0	5	0	
Henry Loftus Tottenham	...	...	Guernsey	...	0	5	0
Robert Clayton Browne	...	...	Carlow	...	0	5	0
Major-General F. W. Stubbs	...	...	Louth	...	0	5	0
Robert Day, junr., M.R.I.A.	...	...	Cork	...	0	5	0
Colonel and Mrs. Philip Vigors	...	...	Carlow	...	0	10	0
The Rev. F. O'Brien	...	...	Waterford	...	0	5	0
The Rev. Denis Murphy	...	...	Dublin	...	0	5	0
M. C. Douglas	...	...	Carlow	...	0	5	0
The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of							
Killaloe, &c.	...	...	Clare	...	0	5	0
Cecil C. Woods	...	...	Cork	...	0	5	0
Robert Malcolmson	...	...	Carlow	...	0	5	0
Denis R. Pack-Beresford	...	...	Carlow	...	0	5	0
Major the Hon. L. Agar-Ellis	...	...	Kilkenny	...	0	5	0
Subscriptions under 5s. ...	...	...		...	0	4	6
				Total, £	32	13	0
Expenses this year	...	...		...	2	0	0
Balance credit carried forward to next year				£	30	13	0

REPORTS FROM COUNTIES.

C O U N T Y A R M A G H .

Parish of Kilmore.

The Rev. W. Percival Magee, B.A., Rector of Kilmore, has kindly sent me the following particulars connected with this Parish.

It is thought that the present church, which has lately been re-opened after extensive alterations and improvements (see *Irish Times*, 15th Nov., 1889), stands on probably the most ancient site of any church in the kingdom.

According to the Annals of the Four Masters and the *Acta SS.*, a monastery was built upon this spot by St. Muchte, in or about 422 A.D., and described as "Primam in Hibernia Ecclesiam." It was dedicated to St. Aidan, one of his followers, and the predecessor by some 200 years of the great Celtic Missionary, of whom the present Bishop of Carlisle recently said, "Augustine was the Apostle of Kent, but Aidan was the Apostle of England."

The walls of the tower are about 9 ft. in thickness; a winding stone staircase leads to the bell-loft, and there are traces of several floors (now gone) to be seen in the walls.

In the vestry there is a list of the Rectors of Kilmore, from the formation of the Parish (about 1270) to the present time.

In the Patent of one of the rectors (about 1600) there was a clause uniting the Chancellorship of Armagh Cathedral for ever with the Rectory of Kilmore. The place "teamis" with ancient associations. The present burial ground was evidently at one time much larger than at present, and contains many ancient and curious tombstones.

Inside the building, set in the floor of what was the sanctuary before the chancel was added, are three stones—one to the memory of Jane Bissett, daughter of a former rector, and subsequently Bishop of Raphoe, 1762–1771.

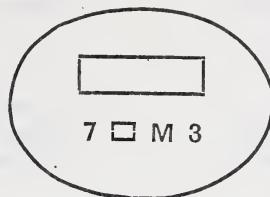
Another is in memory of the Rev. George Walker, Rector of the Parish, date 1677. He was father of the celebrated George Walker, the Hero of Derry, who was probably brought up here.

The most curious stone, and probably one of the most ancient, is a very large slab with a Latin inscription, not cut into the stone, but carved in relief, and running round the edge; a portion of it has unfortunately been

chipped off, and I have conjecturally supplied (in brackets) some of the missing portion :—

“ * * * * IDUS VIR ET EXIMIUS PREDI-
CATOR VEVE DIVINUS GEORGIVS MACE
QUANDAM DECANUS ECCLESIAE CATHEDRA-
LIS [S. P. ARMACH HUJUSCE PAROCHIAE
RECTOR OBIIT * * * *]
ANNO DNI 1633 ETATIS SUI 86.”

The centre of the stone is perfectly plain, except for a sort of “ scarab,” like as here shown. There may have been some device in the centre panel,



but none is now distinguishable. What the letters or symbols are, I do not know.

[I hope some of my readers will kindly explain them.—ED.]

On the south wall is an old white marble slab, with a carved black edging, to the memory of another rector, the Rev. J. Brandreth, Dean of Emly. The inscription is quaint, and says “ he was removed from this life to a better, on Wednesday, 3rd Oct., 1764, in the 69 year of his age.”*

The former glebe-house contained portions of the old abbey, including many dormitories and cells, with narrow lights and very massive walls ; but the only vestige of the abbey now remaining is the Holy Well enclosed in the rector's garden.

[The Rev. Mr. Magee will feel much obliged by any information that may be sent him concerning this ancient abbey, where it is supposed St. Patrick was a guest, when on his way to build Armagh Cathedral.—ED.]

* I intend to give this inscription and others from this church in my next Report.—ED.

RECTORS OF KILMORE PARISH.

Date	Name	Observations
1287	Matthew M'Cathsaid	Afterwards Bishop of Clogher.
1365	Odo or Hugh O'Neil	D. 1370.
1366	Peter or Patk. O'Kewalan or O'Carolan	
1416	Maurice O'Fachanan	
1430	— M'Creny	
1520	Robert Tatayd "	
1622	Thos. Grant	
1628	Laurence Robinson	
1629	John Samwood	His Patent contained a clause uniting the Chancellorship of Armagh and Rectory of Kil- <i>more for ever.</i>
1637-8	Robert Price	Father of Hero of Derry.
1666	George Walker	Dean of Dromore, afterwards
1677	Wm. Smyth	Bishop of Killala, translated to Kilmore.
1681	Garrett Barry	D. 1685.
1685	Enoch Reader	Dean of Kilmore.
1696	Andw. Charlton	Archdeacon of Ardagh.
1705-8	Dillon Ashe	
1724	James Dobbins	D. 1732.
1732-3	Charles Este	Afterwards Bishop of Ossory.
1736	J. Brandreth	Archdeacon of Emly.
1765	Alexr. Bissett	
1782	Brabazon Disney	D. 1790.
1790	Wm. Lodge, D.D.	D. 1813.
1813	Richard Bourne	Dean of Tuam.
1817	Wm. Bissett	Son of Alex. Bissett. 1822, Bishop of Raphoe.
1823	Ed. Chichester, A.M.	Sch. T.C.D.; author of "Deism compared with Christianity."
1840	James Jones, A.M.	D. 1871.
1871	Richard Johnston, A.M.	Resigned.
1881	Alexr. Irwin, M.A.	Prebendary of Armagh Cathe- dral. Resigned.
1883	Llewelyn P. T. Ledoux, M.A.	Resigned.
1888	Wm. Percival Magee, B.A.	The Present Rector.

Note that the St. Aidan to whom this church is dedicated, flourished nearly 200 years before the great Celtic Apostle of England.

[The Editor will be much obliged for lists of Rectors of other parishes in Ireland.]

SEAGOE PARISH (Sújalé Tóba).

The Rev. A. Dawson, Rector of this Parish, informs me that there are no ancient monuments in his church, and that it was built in 1814. The font, which is octagonal, is an ancient one, dating about 1609. It was transferred from the old church, the ruins of which are still standing on a mound or fort ; it bears no inscription.

" Tradition records that the first church erected on this site was formed of [wooden] studs, interlaced with hay ropes, and covered with yellow clay."—(See Plantation Map, 1609).

A northern transept was built in 1755. At the beginning of this century it is described as a long low building, having a small southern porch, a belfry on the west gable, and roofed with oak shingles.

Mr. Dawson further reports a case of vandalism that has come under his own notice :—

" A more discreditable example than any you have mentioned of the neglect and degradation of ancient monuments, is the base use to which the stone, which Petrie holds to be the veritable *Lia Fáil*, the Coronation Stone of the ancient Irish kings, is subjected to.

" In the beginning of this century it was removed from the Coronation Mound, on the Hill of Tara, and set upright over the grave of some who were slain in 1798, on a mound, *and there it now serves* as a rubbing-post for the cattle that graze on that part of the Hill. I visited Tara in 1887, and observing that the stone was threatening to fall, it was explained to me, by my intelligent guide, that this was owing to the cattle rubbing against it."

[Surely this is a case in which the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland might well bring their influence to bear, to have something done for the restoration to its original site, or at least for the due preservation of this unique Royal relic.—ED.]

C O U N T Y L O U T H .

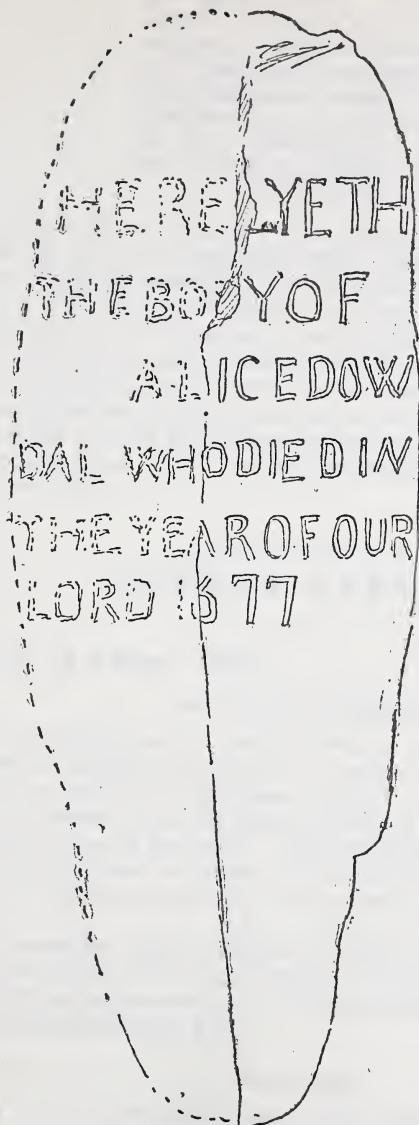
Dromiskin Churchyard.

Major-General F. W. Stubbs has kindly sent me drawings and copies of the inscriptions on several old tombstones in the abovenamed burial-ground. They are nearly all more or less injured and defective.

. . IS STON . . RECTED . . . ENIS
 CALLA MISKEN . .
 RY OF HIS
 CALLAN ALIAS GIN
 DEPD THIS LIFE THE . . OF A . . .
 [?]

This stone is ornamented with a crest and coat of arms ; the crest is a right arm, bent and vambraced, holding a dagger ; the arms are two wolves (?) holding a sword, hilt in base. Neither crest nor arms belong to the families of Callan and Ginnis here named.

DROMISKIN CHURCHYARD.



The annexed sketch represents the inscription on a tombstone of an early date. Only about one half of the stone is now forthcoming. The dotted letters have been supplied by Major-General F. W. Stubbs, of Dromiskin House, to whom I am indebted for these inscriptions.

HERE LYETH THE BODY OF ALICE DOWDAL
WHO DIED IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1577.

[Query 1677.—ED.]

HERE L [stone broken]
 OF DAM NNI IE
 WIFF IO CAP I AI.. BRFNT
 MOORE AND DAUGI I EP
 TO CAPTAIN PETER
 NOTINGHAM WHO
 DEPARTED IIIIS IIF N
 16 OF FEBRUARY 170
 IN THE 38 YEAR OF
 HER AGE.

The above broken stone is all that remains of what was erected to DAME (?) Anne, the wife TO (?) Captain Brent Moore, and daughter to Captain Peter Nottingham, (?) who departed this life on (?) 16 of February, 170 , (?) in the 38 year of her age.

[This stone is at the west end of the old church.—ED.]

On the back of the above tombstone to Anne Brent Moore (the stone is fast wearing away, from exposure to the weather), a shield, with arms, was visible, General Stubbs says, about 20 years ago, and of which he has a photograph; but he says the armorial bearings are now quite gone.

It was a shield with a bordure, perfesse indented, 3 estoiles in chief, colours not known.

C O U N T Y C A R L O W.

Barony of Idrone East.

SLYGUFF BURIAL-GROUND.

This old burial-ground is prettily situated on a sandy knoll overlooking, and close to, the River Barrow, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Bagenalstown.

[Slzhe-ðhubb*—*the black road*.—Joyce.]

The only remains of the old church are about 6 ft. of the east and 10 ft. in length of the west end walls. They show signs of having been built with lime mortar, and are about 10 ft. to 12 ft. in height. There is no sign of the side walls—at least above ground—nor of any doorway or window.

The churchyard is still used, and at present has 21 tombstones in it, with legible inscriptions. It is surrounded by a good wall, about 6 ft. in height, with an iron entrance-gate. The burial-ground is well kept, and has some ornamental trees in it.

INSCRIPTIONS.

WILLIAM WYNNE, of Kellymount,
d. Sept. 17th, 1877, aged 65 years.

* According to Ryan, *Slev Guv.*—ED.

Also, his brother, PHILIP WYNNE, of Paulstown,
Who d. April 28, 1872, aged 64 years.

Also, MARY HOLMES, their mother-in-law,
Relict of William Holmes, of Rathbeg, County Tipperary,
Who died June 6th, 1876, aged 81 years.

Also, ELIZA WYNNE, als. Holmes,
Relict of the above-mentioned William Wynne,
Who died Nov. 15th, 1883, aged 56 years.

Also,
EDWARD WYNNE, L.R.C.S.I., L.K.Q.C.P.,
Youngest son of the above-mentioned William and Eliza Wynne,
Who died April 28th, 1888, aged 28 yrs.

[The above were copied for me by Mr. William Byron, lock-keeper, &c.,
Slyguff.—ED.]

Erected by MORGAN JAMES, to his daughter,
Elizabeth James, 1868.

LUKE AGAR, —— 1847, aged 84.
Another of this family was buried in 1799.

CHRISTOPHER HOLLAND, d. 1824, aged 33.

EDWARD WYNNE, of Kilgreany, aged 60.

JAMES WYNNE, of Slyguff, 1884.

DEBORAH BAILEY do.

daughter of Mary Wynne, 1887.

RICHARD STYLES, d. 1873, aged 75.

Dr. Ryan, in his "History of the County Carlow," says (p. 353) :—

"The ruins of this [Slyguff] church, with a burial-ground, stand on a site beautifully elevated over the River Barrow, about 2 miles south of Bagenalstown.

"The Parish of Slyguff is very contracted in breadth, but in length it extends from the *ruins* to the summit of Mount Leinster, a distance of 7 miles. Two side walls of the old church are standing. The structure was originally 78 ft. in length and 21 ft. in breadth, but now only 51 ft. of the side walls are remaining. The following is the most ancient inscription."

He then gives the inscription on George Burroughs's tomb, 1762 (see page 66). Dr. Ryan says that in 1806 a fine gold ancient clasp was found near this church, weight 4 oz., and sold to the Royal Dublin Society for £20.

Lewis, in his "Topographical Dictionary of Ireland," (1837), gives the population of Slyguff as 2,092 inhabitants, and 6,381 acres.

SUSAN WYNNE alias BURROUGHS,
 Widow of GEORGE WYNNE, of PAULSTOWN,
 Co. Kilkenny, who exchanged this life for a better one,
 On the 11 of May, 1839,
 Aged 85 yrs.

This stone has been erected by her son Abraham, who
 looks forward with pleasure to the day, when he
 shall again meet his kind and affectionate
 mother, to part no more.

Also,

Her Father, RICHARD BURROUGHS, who d. June 8, 1759, (?)
 Aged 45 years.

The deaths of other members of this family are recorded—one in 1759,
 another in 1779—

PHILIP BURROWS, in 1781, aged 45.
 MARY BURROWS, in 1804.

ROBERT BURROWS, Esq., 17th May, 1818,
 &c. &c. &c.
 Aged 54.

[On a flat stone.]

Next it is one—

Erected by ROBERT BURROUGHS, of Moneybeg,*
 To EPHRIAM BURROUGHS, date 1807.

JOHN WILLIAMS, d. Feb. 20, 1775,
 Aged 83.

A white marble monument—

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 LUCY CATHERINE, WIDOW OF REV. E. NIXON,
 AND DAUGHTER OF REV. H. WYNNE,
 DIED AUGUST 31, 1883,
 AGED 77.

[Texts, &c., above and below.]

Alongside the above is a granite cross—

FANNY STELLA,
 THE BELOVED WIFE OF WYNNE CHS. DE CERJAT,
 AND DAUGHTER OF THE REV'D. EDWARD NIXON,
 DIED AT DUNAMAISE, NOVR. 27, 1872,
 AGED 35.

“WATCH THEREFORE, FOR YE KNOW NOT
 WHAT TIME YOUR LORD DOETH COME.”

[This lady is said to have been killed by a fall from her horse, at her own hall-door.]

* The old name for Bagenalstown.—Ed.

I copied the following—

HEARE LYETH THE BODY OF
CHARLES BURROWS,
WHO DIED APRIL THE 7TH, 1742.
&c. &c. &c.

THE BODY OF GEORGE BURROUGHS
LYETH HERE, WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
IN HIS 20 YEAR, 18 DECEMBR., 1762.

[An upright stone.]

HERE LYETH THE BODY OF EDWARD BURROUGHS,
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE APRIL 22, 1772.

Other Burrows, or Burroughs, monuments—

EDWARD BURROWS, died 1772, aged 80.

His wife JANE, d. June 24th, 1788, aged 95.

His son WILLIAM, d. July 11th, 1791, aged 62.

MARY BURROUGHS, alias WALKER, died April 11th, 1814,
aged 70.

[There are several others named on this stone.—ED.]

Parish of Lorum.

Of Lorum, Lewis says (in 1837):—"It contains 1,507 inhabitants and 5,428 statute acres. The parish was episcopally united to Slyguff and the Rectory of Ballyellen. The church had been recently repaired by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, at an expense of £184."

Lorum is a contraction of Lavrum [*Leamhðórum*, the *Drum or Ridge of the Elms*.—Joyce]. The church of this parish is about 2 miles south of Bagenalstown, and nearly 1 mile east of Slyguff. It has been lately very nicely restored and improved. It is built of granite, and has a picturesque and well-proportioned spire.

In the new portion of the burial-ground the following tombstones are to be seen :—

TO THE BELOVED MEMORY OF
DENIS WILLIAM PACK-BERESFORD
BORN JULY 7, 1818
DIED DECR. 28, 1881.

Captain Pack served for several years in the Royal Artillery, and, on the death of his god-father, Field-Marshal Lord Viscount Beresford, G.C.B. in 1864, he assumed the name and arms of Beresford, in compliance with his will.

Other tombstones in this burial-ground :—

ASHMORE, of Graiguealug, 1878.

O'NEILL, of Ballinkellen, 1882.

[Two stones.]

BURGESS, of Ballyconneck, 1879-1888.

In the old churchyard I found the following :—

P. MURPHY, *d.* March, 1795, aged 65.
His son, the Rev. JAMES MURPHY, *d.* 1808, aged 41.
And other children.

P. MACCASSEY, *d.* Nov., 1796, aged 73.
His wife MARGARET, *d.* Dec., 1785, aged 60.

ANASTASIA KEARNEY, *d.* Nov., 1808, aged 19.
NOWLANS : Ellinor, 1789 ; Darby, 1770.
FLOODS, 1800. BRENNAN, 1800.
JOHN BOLGER, 1804.
BRYAN NEAL, 1782.

Dr. Ryan, writing in 1833, says Dr. Seward calls it *Lowran* in 1795, and describes it thus :—" Situated within 1 mile of Ballyloughan Castle, it is but a poor place, with as poor a church. However, the 18th of April being a patron day, St. Lazarianus [Lazerian], is highly celebrated, who was one of the first founders of the Cathedral of Old Leighlin, and was buried here."

"There is no patron now (1833) held [Ryan says], nor is there any memorial whatever of St. Lazerian in the churchyard. Indeed, there can be no doubt that he was *not* buried here, but at Old Leighlin. The only objects worthy of any notice are two handsome modern tombs of the RUDKIN family."

These tombstones are now (1890) in the old portion of the burial-ground, and are as follows :—

HERE LYETH THE BODY OF
EDWARD GILBERT PICKERING RUDKIN,
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE JUNE 1st, 1778,
AGED 16 YEARS.

BERNARD RUDKIN, ESQRE.,
OF THE TOWN OF CARLOW, DEPARTED THIS LIFE
MARCH THE 25th, 1811, AGED 56 YEARS.

HIS SON TURQUIN WILLIAM RUDKIN,
DEPARTED THIS LIFE APRIL THE 8th, 1814, AGED 29 YEARS.

MRs. ELIZABETH RUDKIN,
WIFE OF THE ABOVENAMED BERNARD RUDKIN,
DIED JUNE THE 20th, 1820, AGED 56 YEARS.

MARK RUDKIN,
YOUNGEST SON OF THE SAID BERNARD AND ELIZABETH,
DIED JULY THE 18th, 1822, AGED 27 YEARS.

ERECTED
By JOHN RUDKIN, Esq.,
To perpetuate the Memory of his Mother,
MARY RUDKIN,
Who departed this life on the 10th day of September, 1810,
Aged 48 years.

Also,
Mrs. JULIA RUDKIN, daughter of the above,
Who died March 1st, 1817.
A young lady who was, by the most amiable disposition,
endeared to all her acquaintances.

HERE ALSO LYETH
The Remains of WILLIAM RUDKIN, Esq., of Corres,
Husband of the above named MARY RUDKIN,
Who departed this life on the 7th day of June, 1817,
Aged 74 years.

Inside Lorum Church is a mural monument, on the north wall :

To the Memory of
WILLIAM RUDKIN, Esq., of Corres, in this County,
Who departed this life on the 7th of June, 1817,
In the 74 year of his age.
This Monument has been Erected
By Captain MARK RUDKIN, of the 50th Regt.,
As a token of the filial affection
He bears for the memory of his late Father.

[Crest and arms.]

Tombstones in old burial-ground, Lorum, round the ruins of the old church, some of the walls of which are still standing, but devoid of interest :—

CAHILL ... 1730	FLINN ... 1790
P. GIHEN ... 1761	M. CAUFIEL 1790
M. KEEGAN 1789	J. DOHERTY 1789
D. BYRNE ... 1798	And about 10 others.

Here Lieth ye Body of WILLM. KINSLEY,
Who departed this Life Septr. ye 10th, 1740.

Here Lieth the body of ELEANOR KINSELEY, wife to
PATRICK CLONEY, who departed this life May the first, 1743.

Here lieth the body of THIRLAGH KINSLEY,
Who departed this life the 27 day of February, 1731.

[From W. Byron, 21st April.]

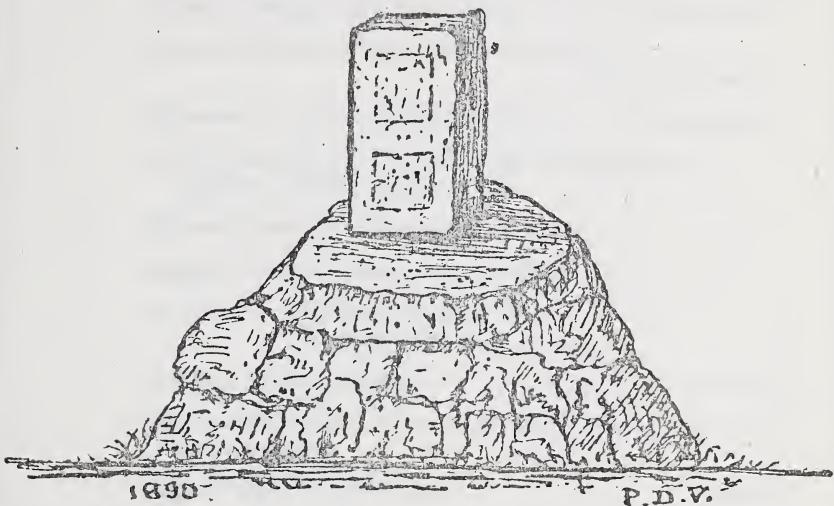
There are the remains of the base of a very ancient cross in this burial-ground, under an old ash tree. The stone is about 2 feet 6 inches long

by 1 foot 6 inches broad, and 18 inches over ground. The hole for the shaft of the cross is perfect, but no remains of the cross itself are visible.

Ryan has not only omitted all mention of this base of a cross, but he also omits any notice of what appears to be part of the shank of an ancient cross which stands in a field about 100 yards west of the old burial-ground, and 10 yards from a lane called "Lorum-lane."

There is a mound of stones and earth round it. It is morticed into a flat granite rock. The part above the surface of this rock is about 1 foot 9 inches high, 1 foot wide, and 4 or 5 inches thick. The mound itself is about 2 feet 6 inches high. There are faint traces of two panels on the west side, but I could not discover any lettering or other marks.

It is said that St. Lazerian was going to build here his church, and hence this mark.



Dr. Comerford says:—"Two priests' graves are found in this burial-ground—one, that of the Rev. James Murphy, who departed this life July 20th, 1808, aged 41 years; the other, that of a Father Kearney, with the following epitaph—

"If the amiable virtues of a young man deserve well of society, if the filial piety of a dutiful son merit the affection of a family, and the zealous, noiseless exertions of a distinguished priest obtain the approbation of the clergy, the erection of this stone is a just tribute to the memory of the Rev. THOMAS KEARNEY, &c., &c.

He died in the 27 year of his age, on the 27th January, 1817.
Requiescat in pace."

Parish of Carlow.

The following inscriptions have been copied by the Editor from tombstones in this churchyard, which is situated in the town of Carlow, round the present parish church :—

CHRISTOPHER STONE, and others of the same family,
dates 1874, 1879, 1884. [An upright stone.]

JOHN RICHARDSON, of Carlow, 1836, aged 62.

JOHN RICE GRIFFIN, late Music Master of the Carlow
Regiment, Novr. 10th, 1825, aged 45, &c.

JACOB POOLE, *d.* Decr., 1796, and others. [A flat stone.]

HENERY CONELY, *d.* 23 Mar., 171⁸. [Small upright.]

SAMUEL MACARTNEY, Sept., 1804, and others.
[An upright stone.]

ELIZABETH HARRIS, *d.* 15th April, 1765. [Small upright.]

SARAH EMMA BOWEN, daughter of the late JOHN BOWEN,
of Dublin, Solicitor, *d.* Mar. 1869.

THOMAS TURNER, of Tullow-street, *d.* 1844.

ROBERT KIRKE, of Tullow-street, *d.* 1835.

LAVINDA KEREVIN [and ROBERT], 1812.
[Masonic emblems.]

ISABELLA LEGGET, *d.* 1852. [Broken.]

RICHARD McMULLEN, Esqre., *d.* August, 1830.
aged 42 years.

SCOTT HOWARD, *d.* 1855, &c. [Flat.]

JOHN BARRETT, of Carlow, *d.* May 17, 1858 (?) [Flat.]

Mrs. ELIZABETH BROWNE, alias LENON,
d. August, 1824, &c. [Flat.]

Here Lyeth the Body of Miss MARY PARKER,
Who departed this life January the 23, 1781, aged 3 years.

Also, Mrs. ELIZABETH PARKER,
Who departed this life Decr. 6, 1784, aged 2 (?) years.

Also, Mrs. MARY PARKER,
Who departed this life June 25, 1786, aged 34 years.
[On an upright stone.]

The Burial-Ground of Mr. Wm. GRAHAM, Surgeon Apothecary.
Here lieth 3 of his sons, and 3 of his daughters. [Upright.]

JOHN COOK, *d.* March, 1718, aged 51 years.

RORERT GALE, of Carlow, *d.* August, 1849, aged 31 years.

THOMAS CLIFFORD (?), formerly a Lieut. in the Royal Irish Artillery, *d.* August, 1811, aged 50, &c.

ROBERT ALLEN, *d.* 6 Jany., 1735, aged 48 years.

ELIZABETH, his wife, *d.* 1761, aged 54 years.

Erected by Henry Allen. [Upright.]

SCOTT, 1854.

[An upright stone.]

HERE LYETH Y^E BODY OF JOHN CARR
AND HIS FAMILY, WHO DEPARTED YE 7 DAY
OF MARCH, 1734, AND IN YE 94TH YEAR
OF HIS AGE.

[A small upright stone.]

JOHN RIND, late 9th Dragoons, May, 1788.

Erected by his grandson, Lieut. John Rind,
late of the 9th, or Queen's Royal Lancers, 1847.

FRED NESS, *d.* 1781, aged 33.

Sergt. THOS. WILSON, 9th Dragoons, *d.* Oct., 1784,
aged 48. Erected by Elizabeth Wilson, his wife.

SIMON OATES, and MEARY (*sic*), his wife, alias
HIGHCRAFT, *d.* 21 Oct., and in the 59 year
of [the rest is underground] . . . 1739.

[An upright stone.]

WM. CONNELL, February, 1731.

[Small upright.]

RANDALLS, 1849, &c.

JANE STODDARD, wife of SWINTON STODDARD,
Qr. Master of the Hants Regt. of Militia,
d. 23 Decr., 1812, aged 43.

[Upright.]

F. TYDD (of H.M. Excise), 1834, aged 63.

WILLIAM BASSETT, of Carlow, Feb. 7, 1865, aged
87 years.

[Upright.]

ARTHUR RUSSELL (?), date 1800. Erected by his
brother Freemasons.

(To be continued.)

*Extracts from the Vestry-Book of the Parish of Moyacomb, otherwise
Clonegal, in the Counties Carlow, Wexford, and Wicklow.*

By the Rev. JAMES F. M. FFRENCH, Rector.

The first entry I find in this book is to the following effect :—

1767. "At a vestry meeting held in the parish church of Moyacomb on April the 20th by the minister, churchwardens, and parishioners, It was enacted that Mr. Christopher Ussher and Mr. Jonathan Pasley do serve as churchwardens for the ensuing year. It is further enacted that the sum of £21 be forthwith raised on said parish for the purposes following, viz., eight pounds for clerks fees and one pound fourteen shils. for the ordinary expenses. The remr of the £21 to be applied for the repairs of the church ; and whereas part of the parish lies in the Co. Carlow, part in the Co. Wicklow, and part in the Co. Wexford, it is enacted that the above sum be raised by an equal third part in each county. Given under our hands this 20th day of April, 1767 (seven). Champion Brady (curate), Jonas Pasley and Joseph James (churchwardens), Joseph Cuffe, Chrsr. Ussher, Jonas Pasley, Ralph James, Wilkinson James, Charles Brown, Robert Brown, Nicholas Hopkins."

Notes.—The Rev. CHAMPION BRADY, Curate of Clonegal.—This gentleman was curate to the Rev. Philip Le Fanu, who was rector also of a neighbouring parish. He wrote an excellent round hand, and some years since a manuscript sermon of his composition was forwarded to me on a Christmas Day by some kind friend who did not reveal his identity.

JOSEPH CUFFE, Esq., of Sandhill, now Ballyredmond House.—The family of Cuffe was founded in Ireland by Hugh Cuffe, Esq., who had a grant of 6,000 acres of land in the Co. Cork, and who left two daughters—Elizabeth, wife of Sir Francis Slingsby ; and Dorothea, wife of Sir Charles Coote. The male line was continued by his nephew, Maurice Cuffe, of Ennis, Co. Clare, who died in 1638, and who had by his wife Elizabeth, with others, Joseph Cuffe, Esq., who commanded a troop of horse under Oliver Cromwell, and who had by his wife Martha, daughter of Colonel Agmondesham Muschamp, twenty-one children, the eldest of whom was attainted by King James's Parliament in 1689, and had his estates sequestered, but was restored by King William. He had by his wife Anne, daughter of Sir John Otway, John, his heir, who in 1733 was created Baron Desart, and from whom the Earls of Desart descend. Also Denny Cuffe, of Sandhill, in the Co. Carlow, who was in 1733 High Sheriff of the Co. Kilkenny, and who had by his wife Grace, daughter of E. Wright, Esq., a son, Joseph Cuffe, of Sandhill (mentioned above), and a daughter, Elizabeth, wife of Jouah Wheeler, of Leyrath, Co. Kilkenny, whose son Sir Richard Wheeler assumed the name of Cuffe when he succeeded to his uncle's and grandfather's estates. Joseph Cuffe was owner

of the property now held by the Toler-Brown family, and also a portion of the Tighe property in the parish of Clonegal. The avenue of ancient lime-trees in the lawn of Ballyredmond House is said to have been planted by him, and is called Cuffe's Avenue to the present day. The remains of the kennel where he kept his foxhounds is also still to be seen. Tradition says he was remarkable for the loudness and power of his voice, which could be heard from Ballyredmond at the parish church door—a good mile in distance,—when he exerted it. He was buried at the east end of Clonegal Church.

It appears from the following extract that, in 1767, the old church of Clonegal was in its original state as it proceeded from the hands of the builders, and that it had a chancel and an open roof—I may say a very open roof, as the slates were not rendered :—

" At a vestry held in the parish church of Moyacomb on the 18th day of September by the minister, churchwardens, & inhabitants of the parish, It is resolved and agreed, that William & Michael Clerk shall be employed in rendering the church between the rafters at the rate of twelve pence the square. The parish to find them in lime and hair and they the said William and Michael Clerk shall find a laborer & all other things necessary for compleating said work. It is further agreed that the said Will Clerk & Michael Clerk shall plaster the church in the inside at the rate of three halfpence a yard. It is also further agreed that they the said William and Michael Clerk shall dash & rough cast the outside of the church and chancel & also margin the windows of the church and chancel at the rate of three halfpence a yard, the parish giving them the materials of lime & hair. Given under the hands of the minister, churchwardens, and inhabitants this 18th day of September, 1767. Philip Lefau (minister), Champion Brady (curate), Chrissr. Ussher and Jonatn. Pasley (churchwardens), Joseph Cuffe, Arthur Hunt, Benj. James, John James."

Note.—The Rev. PHILIP LE FANU, D.D., Rector of Clonegal.—The Le Fanus were a noble French family (ennobled in 1595 by Henry IV.), and were seated in Normandy, where they possessed several extensive estates, of which they were deprived by the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, and were obliged to fly from their native country. Two members of this family, John Le Fanu de Sequeville and Charles Le Fanu de Creperon, were cavalry officers in the army of William III. Charles was on the king's staff at the Battle of the Boyne, and in recognition of his services was presented with a portrait of his majesty by King William himself. He afterwards served as a major of Dragoons under Marlborough.

Philip Le Fanu de Mondeville and his son William settled in Dublin in 1743. Though deprived of their estates, they were, owing to their possessing influential relations at the Court of Louis XIV., allowed to quit France with their personal property, which was considerable. William Le Fanu

married Henrietta Raboteau de Pugibaut, the daughter and sole survivor of another ancient and noble Huguenot family who escaped from France after adventures of the most romantic and dangerous character. Of this marriage there were born eight sons, the eldest of whom was the Rev. Philip Le Fanu, D.D., Rector of Clonegal, who was born in 1735, and died in 1795. He married Mrs. Rebecca Brownrigg, a widow, and daughter of Edward Newton, Esq., and had an only son, Theophilus, who died unmarried about the year 1804. The Rev. Dr. Le Fanu translated and edited, with notes and comments, a letter addressed to Voltaire (Dub., 1790). He was author of a History of the Council of Constance (Dub., 1787). He graduated at T.C.D. in 1755, and took the degree of D.D. in 1776. One of Dr. Le Fanu's brothers, the Rev. Peter Le Fanu, was Rector of St. Bride's, Dublin; and another brother, Joseph Le Fanu, Esq., was Clerk of the Coast for Ireland—an office long since abolished. He married Alicia, sister of the celebrated Right Hon. Richard Brinsley Sheridan, and had a son, the Very Rev. Thomas Philip Le Fanu, Dean of Emly, who married Lucretia, daughter of the Rev. W. Dobbin, D.D., Rector of St. Mary's, Dublin, and sometime Fellow of T.C.D., and was father of the well-known writer and novelist, Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu, and of W. R. Le Fanu, Esq., one of her Majesty's Commissioners of Public Works.

On the 4th of April, 1768, I find an entry of "the late churchwardens acct." :—

" The clerks fees	... £8	0	0
Expended by Mr. Pasley	1	3	5½
Annual expenses	... 1	14	0
Mr. Archers bill	... 5	0	0
	£15	17	5½
This balance handed over	8	2	6½
	£24	0	0

Subscriptions towards
recasting the Bell.

Mr. Wm. Payne, Dublin £0 11 4½"

And the following gentlemen signed the vestry-book :—"Champion Brady (clk.), Christr. Ussher and Jonatn. Pasley (churchwardens), Joseph Cuffe, Jonas Pasley, Charles Frizell, John James, Wm. Paine, Thos. Brown, Robert Brown, Benj. James."

Note.—CHRISTOPHER USSHER, Esq., of Lower Kilcarry, Captain R.N. (lieutenant, 1757; captain, 1761).—The family of Ussher claim to be a branch of the great Anglo-Saxon family of Neville, notable for having among its members the Earl of Warwick, called the King-Maker, and a queen consort

of England. Tradition says they took their name from the office of Usher held by a member of the family in the Court of Prince John, Lord of Ireland. They retain to the present day as their motto the old punning motto of the Nevilles, " Ne vile velis." This family can show an unbroken descent from Arland Ussher, who was Bailiff or High Sheriff of Dublin, 1460, and Mayor in 1469. By his wife, Anne Berford, or Beresford, he had two sons—John (from whom descended Henry Ussher, Lord Archbishop of Armagh, one of the founders of Trinity College, Dublin; and James Ussher, Lord Archbishop of Armagh, the celebrated scholar and divine), also Robert Ussher, Provost of T.C.D., and Lord Bishop of Kildare. Arland Ussher's second son, Christopher, married Alsone, daughter of Thomas Fitzwilliam, ancestor of the Viscounts Fitzwilliam; and his great grandson, Sir William Ussher, Clerk of the Privy Council, married Isabella, daughter of Adam Loftus, Lord Archbishop of Dublin and Lord Chancellor of Ireland, from whom descend the Marquesses of Ely. This Sir William Ussher's grandson—Sir William Ussher, of the Castle of Grange, Co. Wicklow—had a grandson, Christopher Ussher, of Mount Ussher, Co. Wicklow, who was father of John Ussher, of Mount Ussher, High Sheriff of Co. Wicklow, 1764; M.P. for Inistiogue, 1783; also of Martha Ussher, who married Rev. R. Edgeworth, and was mother of the celebrated Abbé Edgeworth de Firmont, who attended Louis XVI. on the scaffold; and of Captain Christopher Ussher, of Lower Kilcarry, in the parish of Clonegal. This Christopher Ussher married Margaret Bailie, and had a son, Christopher, who succeeded to his uncle John Ussher's estates, and founded the family now seated at Eastwell, Co. Galway; also a daughter, Elizabeth, who married John Rowan, Esq., and succeeded to her father's property at Kilcarry. Lower Kilcarry House is still to be seen at the junction of the rivers Derry and Slaney.

Parish of Myshall.

In the old churchyard in the village of Myshall there is a granite stone; part of it has been broken off some years since. There are two deep, conical-shaped holes in it; and the stone goes by the name of the "colleen's slips." Another similarly-marked stone is said to be in an adjoining parish, and to be called by the same name.

The following legend is attached to them:—Long, long ago a witch or fairy was trying to throw these stones from Mount Leinster [which mountain overhangs Myshall] towards the County Wicklow, where they were wanted, and in doing so she slipped (hence the name), and one of the stones fell at Myshall and the other (in throwing which the same bad fortune attended her) fell in the adjoining parish. The two holes in the stones are said to be the marks of her knees.

THE NEED OF THE WORK.

The following pretty lines formed part of the inscription on a tombstone in the old churchyard at Myshall, Co. Carlow, and were copied from it some years since by Robert Malcomson, Esq., F.R.S.A.I. Even then the name of the person to whom the monument was erected had (Mr. Malcomson believes) disappeared from the tomb, and now the very tombstone itself seems to have vanished, as, during a recent visit paid to the churchyard by Colonel Vigors and myself, no such inscription was found :—

“ See the leaves around us falling,
Dry and withered, to the ground,
Thus to thoughtless mortals calling
With a sad and solemn sound.

On the tree of life eternal,
Man; let all thy hope be laid,
Which alone for ever vernal
Bears a leaf that will not fade.”

1890.

J. F. M. FFRENCH, Clonegal.

The Most Rev. Dr. Comerford, in his work on this diocese (vol. ii., p. 319), mentions the following monumental inscriptions at Myshall :—

I. H. S.

“ Here Lieth the body of the Rev. EDWARD EUSTACE, of
Myshall, Capuchin, who departed January
1783 aged 66 years. Requiescat in pace.”

“ Here Lieth the body of ROWLAND EUSTACE, who
departed this life, September the 11th, 1799, aged
54 years. May the Lord have mercy on his soul.
Amen.”

Several priests are interred at the present parochial chapel—some outside and others inside.

Let into the wall at the door of the vestry, a tablet bears the following inscription :—

“ Hoc in tumulo quiescit corpus Rev^{di}
JOHANNIS CLEARY, Ecclesiae Pastoralis
Myshalleensis, qui, meritis cumulatus animam
placidissime exhalavat anno reparatae
salutis millesimo octingentesimo decimo sexto,
ætatis vero sue quadragesimo nono.
In pace requiescat. Amen.”

On another mural slab is the following :—

“ Here lieth the body of the Rev. BRYAN KAVANAGH
who departed this life the 17th of March, 1805, aged
56 years. He wished well to all Mankind.
Mihi absit gloriari nisi in cruce Domini nostri
Iesu Christi.
Requiescat in pace. Amen.”

The following are also mural :—

D. O. M.

“ Underneath are deposited the mortal remains
of the Rev. LAURENCE CUMMINS, who, for twenty-
two years, discharged the onerous duties of Pastor in
the united Parishes of Drumfea and Myshall,
with credit to himself, honour to Religion, and
glory to God.

‘ He pleased God, and was beloved, and being
amongst sinners he was translated.’

He departed this life December 26th 1838
aged 64 years. Requiescat in pace. Amen.”

“ Here lieth the body of the Rev. MICHAEL NOLAN, who
discharged the duties of Parish Priest of Myshall
and Drumphea, for thirteen years with great zeal.
He died on the 23rd February, 1852, aged 60 years.
He was a most sincere friend. His last most anxious
desire was that the good people who may enter this
Holy Place would offer up a fervent prayer for the repose
of his immortal soul.

Requiescat in pace. Amen.”

“ Beneath are deposited the mortal remains
of the Rev. GERALD MULVIN, P.P. of Myshall and Drumphea.
His Christian meekness and zeal, blameless life,
and edifying conversation honoured his ministry
and instructed his flock.
His pious life here ended in a holy death on the 6th
Nov., 1860, in the 60 year of his age.
May he rest in peace.”

“ Here lie the remains of the Rev. MICHAEL
FENELOW, who died 8th January, 1847, in the
28th year of his age, and the 4th of his Sacred
Ministry.
During his short career he was eminently
distinguished for piety and zeal.
May he rest in peace.”

“ Pray for the soul of the Rev. PATRICK NOWLAN,
who died 11th Dec. 1863, in the 63rd year of his
age. Gentle and kind to all, especially [to] the
suffering and the poor.

He served 40 years.”

[A further notice of this parish will appear in the next Report.—Ed.]

Borris.

In an old churchyard (?) in the Demesne of Borris, near the east end of the ruins of the church (?), a handsome limestone cross has quite recently been erected, in memory of the late Arthur McM. Kavanagh, Esq., with the following inscription :—

**SACRED TO THE BELOVED MEMORY
OF THE RIGHT HON. ARTHUR MAC MURROUGH KAVANAGH,
WHO DIED DECR. 25, 1889, AGED 58.**
[With verscs under.]
ST. MATTHEW XXV. 21.

On the top is cut—

“ In thy presence is the fullness of joy.”—Ps. xix. 11.

The cross is richly ornamented with Irish interlaced work, &c. The base is about 3 feet high.

The old building near it, and which I have called a church, although I am not aware of there being any record of its ever having been used as such, is about 70 feet in length by 19 feet in width inside, with a return at the south (?) end, about the size of a small room, and probably used as a place of residence. At the north end is a gable, perfect, and with two doorways close together. On the west side are three very narrow openings for light, only a few inches wide and about 2 feet in height, well splayed inside. They do not appear to have had glass or wooden frames in them at any time. The east wall is mostly broken down to a height of 2 feet or 3 feet above ground. There is a doorway in it about 2 feet in width, and which appears to have been narrower at the top than at the bottom. The building is very rough.

The ground round this ruin has been enclosed, and, I believe, lately consecrated.—ED.

C O U N T Y C A V A N .

The Rev. R. Conway, Rector of Drummully, to whom I wrote respecting the preservation of the monumental memorials in his church (which I saw by the daily paper was undergoing extensive repairs), informs me that there are none such within his church, and that had there been any he would in no way have interfered with them; and that those in the graveyard will not be interfered with.

The church has been built about eighty years. The parishioners are of the small farming class, with not a single resident landlord in the parish.

There is no date on the church plate, and the bell he himself caused to be re-cast and erected in 1874.

He adds :—“ The churchyard is kept clean, and due respect is paid to the memory of the dead,” which is not the case in other burial-grounds, in the county, many of which are overrun with weeds.

C O U N T Y C O R K .

One of the first cases in which the fund has done practical good, and which I trust may prove only the precursor to many others, is that of the tombstone of Richard Millikin—"Honest Dick Millikin," author and poet—in Douglas churchyard, near Cork, the inscription on which has been fully re-cut, at an expense of over £5.

Millikin is best known as the author of those household words, "The Groves of Blarney."

The tombstone is 6 feet 7 inches long by 3 feet 6 inches wide, and is raised off the ground, forming an "altar tomb." It stands on the west side of the south door of the church, alongside of Canon Hayman's tomb, and that of the distinguished antiquary, the late Richard Caulfield. The lettering is Roman.

The following description of Millikin is given in Guy's "Descriptive and Gossiping Guide to the South of Ireland," (p. 61) :—

"Richard Millikin was a poet of considerable talent, rich imagination, and very cultivated taste. He wrote a poem entitled 'The River Side,' which, amongst many defects, contains some passages of great merit. He was also the author of some fugitive pieces of a light and humorous character, the best known of which is 'The Groves of Blarney.' Millikin was born at Castlemartyr, and practised in Cork as an attorney, during the better portion of his life. He died in 1815, and is buried in Douglas churchyard, near Cork."

The following is the inscription on his tomb:—

"READER,
WHILST SCIENCE, GENIUS, AND WIT SHALL BE ADMIRED,
AND MERIT, CHARITY, AND WORTH BELOVED,
THE MEMORY OF
RICHARD ALFRED MILLIKIN
WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN.
HE DIED THE 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1815.

STRANGER, PASS ON, E'EN FRIENDS MAY HENCE DEPART,
NOR GAZE IN VAIN, NOR SIGNS OF GRIEF IMPART.
STRANGER! TO SELF, BE TIMELY, WISE AND JUST,
SWEET FRIENDS, FORBEAR! NOR TAUNT THY KINDRED DUST,
HE WHO LIES HERE BUT SHARES WHAT'S DUE TO ALL,
HE EARLY KNEW 'TWERE HIS TO 'BUY THAT CALL
WHICH SUMMONS MAN TO HIS ETERNAL REST,
AND BIDS HIS SOUL TO PERISH OR BE BLEST."

Parish of Mallow.

The Rev. R. J. Hodges describes the church plate thus:—

The Flagon is thus inscribed—

Ex dono reverendi Nicholai Quaytrod, Artium
Magister hujus parochiæ curati,
A.D. 1723.

On the Paten is—

Ex dono Randolphi Claytonis,
Anno Domini, 1718.

It has on it also an engraving of the old church of Mallow (now in ruins).

On the Chalice—

The gift of Courthope Clayton, Esqr., to the Church of
Mallow, 1738.

On another Chalice and Paten, formerly the property of the church of Carrigamleary (now part of the Union of Mallow), there is an engraving of the Mitre worn by the old bishops of Cloyne, and the following inscription on both :—

The gift of Doctor Charles Crowe,
Lord Bishop of Cloyne,
To the Church of Carrigamleary,
In the Diocese of Cloyne, 1724.

I have recently seen a notice of a very handsome bequest of the late Lady Combermere, towards the restoration of the monuments of her father's parents in Kilboggan Church, in this county. She gives £200 for the above object; she also leaves money for the keeping in order some family monuments in another church.

[There is ample room in Ireland for others to follow this good example.—ED.]

Bandon Parish.

A LOST MONUMENT !

The following curious account of a monument, no longer to be found, is instructive.

In Smith's "History of Cork," published *circa* 1750, there is an inscription given from a monument then in Kilbrogan Church, Bandon, and erected by a Captain Robert Hyliard, to the memory of Lieutenant Edward Legard, dated 1678. The following is the inscription :—

From the rude world's campaigns, the much-admired,
Legard ! to this dark garrisons retired,
Legard ! the darling soldier whose fond name,
Shall ever flourish in the book of fame.
Whose fair example might alone depaint
What 'tis to be a military saint.
True to his God, his prince, his friend, his word,
Rare ornaments, but fit t' adorn the sword.

Beneath lieth the body of Edward Legard, Lieutenant
To Captain Robert Hyliard, who died the 6th of January, 1678.

Twenty years since, a descendant of this Captain R. Hyliard endeavoured by every means in his power to discover the whereabouts of this monument,

but in vain. Not a trace of it can be found! He was informed that at the restoration of the church in 1856 or 57 it, with several others, was "thrown aside." Some are said to have been built into the walls of the church, regardless of their antiquarian value.

The late Bishop of Tuam, who was for many years Rector of Bandon from 1842, was unable to give any information about it, and said that "the monumental stones which were in the flooring of the aisles, he caused to be placed on the walls of the porch, so as to preserve them." When or how it has disappeared is a mystery.

The loss of this ancient monument is of more than ordinary importance, as the present representative of the Hilliard family is, I believe, about to establish his claim to the baronetcy which was held by his ancestors, and is now dormant; and this monument would have formed a very important link in the chain of evidence had it been forthcoming.

Kinsale Church.

Some time since I came across the following lines, and, being anxious to ascertain additional particulars of the monument, I wrote to the Rev. C. Tottenham, the curate, and asked him to give me any information he could. He informs me that nothing is known of the monument by the oldest inhabitant, and that he has looked for it in vain.

The following are the lines referred to; they are in memory of a young lady :—

BENEATH THE HORRORS OF A GRAVE
IN PROMISCUOUS RUIN LIE
THE NOBLEST CHAMRS THAT VIRTUE GAVE,
WITH ALL THAT NATURE COULD SUPPLY.
THEN WHY, DREAD TYRANT, WAS IT GIVEN
FOR THEE TO SINK SUCH WORTH IN DUST?
WHY? 'TWAS THE GREAT COMMAND OF HEAVEN
TO PLUCK THE FAIREST FLOWER FIRST.

There is a slab existing still which records the rebuilding of part of the chancel by Patrick Mede, in 1558.

The oldest dated tombstone in the church is said to be 1623, but there are older ones in the churchyard.

The Communion Plate is of a very early date—1635. Some of it was made from Spanish dollars, about 1721.

The church was partially "restored," I believe, about the beginning of this century, when the vaults beneath it are said to have been desecrated and injured, and inscriptions destroyed. In one case a face has been deliberately chiselled off, for no reason except the spirit of destruction; a handsome oak ceiling removed; also massive stone arches, and the latter were replaced by wooden pillars!!

I find the following notice of a very old tomb in this church :—

"Behind the altar is an old stone placed in the wall, with a Saxon inscription beginning thus: 'ORATE PRO ANIMABUS,' &c. It is not (further) legible because of the wainscot."

[I have written to Kinsale for further information about the above.—ED.]

C O U N T Y D O N E G A L .

Ballyshannon Town.

KILBARRON CHURCH.

Inside monuments :

Marble [mural] on left of communion table :—

THOS. JOHN ATKINSON, ESQRE, J.P., d. 25 MARCH,
1881, AGED 99 YEARS.

ALSO,

ELIZABETH HIS WIFE, d. 23 MAY, 1860.

On side wall (white marble) :—

MARY O'NEILL,
Widow of Captain Charles O'Neill,
Of Rockville and Parkhill,
And Daughter of the late Samuel Hobson, Esqre,
Of Newton Heath, Lancashire.
Born June 1st, mdcxcii,
Died July xxviith, mdcclx.

Next it, on the end wall (west), is a splendid modern brass, about 5 feet by 3 feet, with crest, arms, and supporters, two Royal Irish Constabulary, in full dress :—

ERECTED BY PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION,
TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF
WILLIAM LIMBRICK MARTIN,
DISTRICT INSPECTOR, ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY,
FOR SOME YEARS STATIONED IN BALLYSHANNON,
WHO WAS FOULLY MURDERED AT
DERRYGEG CHAPEL, GWEEDORE,
IN THIS COUNTY, ON SUNDAY, THE 3RD FEBRUARY, 1889,
IN THE 45th YEAR OF HIS AGE.
A BRAVE OFFICER, LOYAL TO HIS
QUEEN AND FAITHFUL TO HIS COUNTRY.
HE DIED DOING HIS DUTY.
FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH.

In the churchyard, at the east end of the church, is a fine monument to Mr. Martin :—

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
WILLIAM LIMBRICK MARTIN,
DISTRICT INSPECTOR,
ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY,
WHO WAS CRUELLY MURDERED
AT DERRYGEG, GWEEDORE,
WHILST NOBLY DOING HIS DUTY,
ON SUNDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY, 1889,
AGED 44.

ERECTED BY HIS WIDOW.

[Polished granite obelisk on square base, &c.]

JOSEPH IRWIN WALSH, M.D.,
 THE ONLY CHILD OF DOCTOR WALSH, OF BALLYSHANNON,
 WHO DIED AT GURTEEN, COUNTY SLIGO,
 OF SCARLET FEVER, 22ND APRIL, 1866.
 AGED 21 YEARS.
 &c. &c. &c.

On south wall :—

TO THE MEMORY OF JOHN ALLINGHAM AND JANE HAMILTON,
 HIS WIFE, WHO WITH MANY OF THEIR ANCESTORS
 AND DESCENDANTS, ARE INTERRED UNDERNEATH
 THESE WALLS. THIS MONUMENT IS AFFECTIONATELY
 DEDICATED BY THEIR SONS.
 ANNO DOMINI, 1841.

The crest over the monument still remains. The shield and arms are gone.

On south wall (white marble) :—

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES O'NEILL, OF ROCKVILLE,
 FORMERLY CAPTAIN IN THE 83RD REGIMENT,
 SECOND SON OF THE LATE JOHN O'NEILL, OF PARKHILL, ESQRE.,
 HAVING SERVED THROUGH THE PENINSULAR WAR
 IN THE CONQUERING ARMS OF HIS COUNTRY
 ON 24 VICTORIOUS BATTLE FIELDS.
 HE DIED IN THE PEACEFUL RETIREMENT OF PRIVATE LIFE.
 BELOVED HONOURED AND LAMENTED.
 OB. XXI MAR. MDCCCLII. AEAT LXVI.
 THIS MONUMENT IS THE TRIBUTE OF THE AFFECTION
 OF HIS WIDOW, HIS BROTHER, AND HIS SISTER.
 TALAVERA, BUSACO, OPORTO, POMBAL, LEIRA,
 CONDEIXA FLEUR DE LIS, GUARDA, SABRIGAL, FUENTES, DONOR,
 BADAJOS, CUIDAD RODRIGO (2ND SIEGE), SALAMANCA, VITTORIA,
 PAMPELUNA, PYRENNEES, NIVELLE, NIVE, SAUVETERRE,
 VIC. BIGORRE, TARBES, ORTHEZ, TOLOUSE, BADAJOS.

[O'Neill arms underneath.]

On side wall :—

JOHN CAMPBELL, ESQRE.,
 WHO D. 19 MAY, 1796.
 AGED 74.
 ALSO JANE CAMPBELL, HIS WIFE,
 WHO D. 16 MARCH, 1800. AGED 75 YEARS.
 &c. &c. &c.

On west wall (white marble):—

THOMAS WILLIAM CRAWFORD, M.D.,
SURGEON OF DONEGAL REGIMENT OF MILITIA,
&c. &c. &c.

D. 24 JULY, 1842. AGED 64 YEARS.

Arms.

Crest—An otter (?) above gules, and fesse ermine for Crawford. 2.
or, a fesse indented charged with 3 mullets (or estoiles) ? a mullet (3rd or)
for difference.

A figure weeping, and an urn, &c., are below.

(To be continued.)

C O U N T Y D U B L I N .

Clontarf.

“ Several years since, the old church of Clontarf was unroofed, and a number of mural monuments exposed to the pitiless weather.”

[A friend has sent me the above. I shall feel much obliged if any of my readers will kindly inform me what has become of the monuments referred to.—ED.]

St. Paul’s, Dublin.

The following extraordinary inscription is to be seen on a tombstone in St. Paul’s churchyard, in Dublin ; it is a flat stone, on the ground :—

LIEUT WILLM GORDON, AGED 11 YEARS,
DEPARTED THIS LIFE SUDDENLY, BEING
ONLY FOUR HOURS ILL, AUGUST 3RD, 1796,
THE ONLY SON OF LIEUT WM GORDON,
AS ALSO HIS MOTHER, WHO FROM GRIEF
FOLLOWED HIM ON THE 8TH DAY OF FEBRY,
1797, AGED 16 YEARS. [!] *

C O U N T Y F E R M A N A G H .

What has been done in this county by the exertions of one or two gentlemen, might well be adopted and carried out in other counties in Ireland.

* From Bedell Stanford, Esq. [The dates and ages in the above appeared to me to be so extraordinary, that I asked Mr. Stanford to examine the parish register. He informs me that he has done so, and that the ages of the mother and young lieutenant ! are not entered therein.—ED.]

A correspondent, writing to me, says :—

" We are not 'backward' in regard to the preservation of our old graveyards by having them enclosed. The late Lord Enniskillen and myself some years past brought motions before our Poor Law Boards, and got all the old graveyards (under their care) in our union enclosed with strong walls, and had caretakers to keep them in good order, and last year made a move to get the two graveyards on Devenish Island cleaned out, and had all the vegetable deposits removed, and all old monuments cleaned and put in order. We applied to the Board of Works, and they defrayed half the expenses."

[This is, indeed, a step in the right direction, and I imagine there is not a county throughout Ireland that does not require like work to be done. Will the Local Government Board of Ireland not move in this matter? See my suggestions in the Report for 1888, p. 7.—ED.]

Parish of Irish MacSaint, Diocese of Clogher.

Through the kindness of the Lord Bishop of Clogher, I am enabled to give a description of the old Communion Plate belonging to this parish.

It consists of a Chalice and Paten, on each of which the following legend is engraved :—

THIS LEGACY LEFT BY
SR JON HUME, BART, TO
THE CHURCH OF DRUMENAGH,
ANNO 1695.

They are both solid silver.*

C O U N T Y G A L W A Y .

Aughrim.

" 1691. July 12 was fought the sharp and decisive Battle of Aughrim, in which St. Ruth, the General (of the Irish force), was slain, with near seven thousand Irish, and about seven hundred on the other side."

MEMORIAL TREE OF GENERAL ST. RUTH, ON THE BATTLE-FIELD OF
AUGHRIM.

From the Rev. E. F. HEWSON. 1888.

" On the battle-field of Aughrim is an old thorn tree, planted, it is said, to mark the spot where St. Ruth was killed, and where his dust still lies; although, by another account, his body was carried off by night and buried in Kilconnel Abbey. When I visited the spot last autumn, I was sorry to observe that the tree had been almost killed by the petty vanity of visitors, in carving their names and initials. In the process of recording their names, they had stripped off every bit of bark on the trunk and larger branches, and it was only those smaller than my little finger which

* From the Rev. Canon George Tottenham, Rector and Vicar.

had any left. I scarcely think it possible to resuscitate the tree. The very intelligent and obliging farmer, on whose land the tree stands, complained that, as his house is some two or three hundred yards off, and he had to attend to his business, he found it impossible to prevent the injury. I forgot his name, but he told me that he had been for six days in company with Lord Macaulay, conducting him over the battle-field; and he pointed out to me the position of the armies, and gave a most interesting account of the attack and defences. He had planted a young memorial tree beside the old one."

C O U N T Y K E R R Y .

Parish of Dingle.

A correspondent has sent me the following most interesting, but sad, account of a fine mural monument belonging to one of the "Knights of Kerry," which first was mutilated and then appears to have been thrown out of the Parish Church of Dingle, and allowed to remain for many years in a farmer's yard close by, forming part of a rick-stand for corn !!!

This knight (John) had a son Maurice, whose only child married — Townshend, father of the late Rev. M. F. T. S. Townshend, many years Vicar of Thornbury, Gloucestershire, who left two daughters, co-heiresses. The elder, Geraldine Henrietta, *m.* the late Major-General Pierrepont Mundy, who *d.* in 1889. General Mundy had two sons—Godfrey, Lieut. R.N.; and Basil, Captain 15th Hussars. The younger married the Hon. and Rev. Courtenay Vernon.

[I am indebted to a friend who brought the state of this monument under my notice. I at once communicated with Mrs. Mundy, and I have had the very great satisfaction of being informed by that lady that the remains of Knight John's monument are now in safe keeping, and that she hopes (with the co-operation of her sister) to have the monument not only restored in condition, but also to have it replaced in the church.—ED.]

"The inscription to John Fitzgerald, 'Knight of Kerry,' was on a handsome mural monument in the Church of Dingle, and is recorded in Smith's 'History of Kerry.' It was torn down in a romping match, several years after Smith's time, by a party of naval men then in Dingle! It was never replaced by any of the family, and has for many years lain in two pieces in the hay-yard of the Grove. It was in that position I saw it when I copied the inscription several years since. Few men of any family deserved more truly than he did the beautiful tribute to his memory paid the 'Knight John' by his amiable wife, who was daughter of the Right Hon. Chief Baron Deane. They were the immediate ancestors of the Townsend family, of Castle Townsend, Co. Cork, who got the Dingle estates of the 'Old Knight of Kerry.' This family monument formed part of a rick-stand at the Grove, their old residence. Now the burial-place of the Knights of Kerry in Dingle churchyard cannot be found."

Inscription :—

IMMODICIS BREVIS EST ETAS

Et rara senectus

H. S. E.

JOHANNES FITZGERALD, Eques Kerriensis ;

Ex antiqua Stirpe Equitum Kerriensium,

ORIUNDUS,

Suavitate ingenii, et integritate morum

Eximius

Erat in Ore Venustas.

In Pectore Benevolentia,

In Verbis fides

Candidus, Facilis, Jucundus,

Quot notas tot habuit Amicos,

Inimicum certe neminem,

Talis quam esset. Febri correptus

Immature Obiit,

A.D. 1741.

HOC MONUMENTUM

Charissimi Mariti Memoriæ Sacrum

Margareta conjux

Mærens posuit.

“ Smith, in his ‘ History of Kerry,’ thus describes this monument :—
 “ A handsome monument, consisting of a panel of black marble, with the inscription in gold letters, placed between two Ionic pillars adorned with cherubims, and capitals of Italian alabaster.” I venture to give a literal translation (though I fear that my Latin may not be very correct) for the benefit of my fair readers, in the hope that when any of them are called upon to perform the melancholy task of erecting a monument to their husbands, they may follow the good example and good taste of Margaret Deane, and may have the same cause to regret a good husband as she had (but may it be far distant !).”

Translation :—

To the ultra good life is short and old age rare.

Here lies buried

JOHN FITZGERALD, Knight of Kerry,

Sprung from the ancient race of the Knights of Kerry,

Remarkable for the sweetness of his disposition

And the purity of his morals.

He was beautiful in countenance,

Benevolence was in his heart, and truth in his words.

He was upright and agreeable; every

Acquaintance was a friend, not one

An enemy.

Being such a man,

Seized by fever he died prematurely,

in the 35th year of his age,

A.D. 1741.

Sacred to the memory of her beloved husband.

His grieving wife Margaret erected this monument.

C O U N T Y K I L D A R E .

From the Rev. W. T. KITTON.

Parish of Donadea.

“Altar tomb on the south wall of the chancel of the above-named parish church. It belongs to the early part of the seventeenth century; it is of limestone, elaborately carved, and bears the following inscriptions:—

I.

STAY PASSENGER THY HASTIE FOOTE,
THIS STONE DELIURES THEE;
A MESSADGE FROM THE FAMOUS TWIN
THAT HERE INTOMBED BE,
LIVE WELL FOR VERTUE PASSETH WELTH,
AS WE DOE FINDE IT NOW,
RICHES, BEAUTIE, AND WORDLIE STATE,
MUST ALL TO VERTUE BOW.

II.

Pray for the Soule of Dame Julia Nugent,
daughter to Sr. Christopher Nugent, Ld. Barron
of Delven, and wife to Sr. Gerald Aylmer,
knight, and barron, by whome he had
issue, Andrew Aylmer and Julia Aylmer;
and she deceased the 10 November, Anno
Dom 1617.

III.

Pray for the Soul of Sr. Gerald Aylmer, Knight
and Barronett, whoe buylt this Chappell,
tomb, and monument, with all the Church
and Chaucill adjoyning ther unto, Anno
Do 1626. Deceased the 19th of Augst, Ao
Dominii, 1634.

IV.

“This monument was removed from the old church, November, 1812,
by Sir Fenton Aylmer, Bart.”

On the front of the altar are four carved figures in a kneeling attitude, with hands joined as in prayer. They are (from left to right) St. Hieron, St. Gregorie, St. Ambros, St. Augustin; on the south end of the altar is a representation of the Crucifixion; on the north end, a representation of the Madonna crowned.

The canopy, or what would correspond to the “reredos” in modern churches, terminates in three finials, the central one being considerably higher than either of the other two. The centre finial terminates in a carved skull and cross bones—this is slightly mutilated; below this the

Aylmer arms, crest, and motto are depicted.—(See ‘Dictionary of Heraldry.’)

The two other finials are ornamental; below the right-hand one the Aylmer arms, and below the left-hand one the Nugent arms are depicted.

The space under the two last-named representations are ornamented with a lion's head and flowers. The corresponding space in the centre of the monument is occupied by inscription (No. IV. above). Evidently some original ornamentation was removed, to make a place for this inscription.

Next follows the poetry, taking up the whole width of the monument, except the border on each side. Then No. 2. inscription; the Aylmer and Nugent inscription No 3. Arms quartered.

Next below inscription 2, under a canopy, a lady and attendant in the posture of prayer at foot (?) stool.

Below inscription 3, there is a knight in armour and a male attendant in coat of mail.

The pillars supporting the double canopy are ornamented as follows:—

Left—Torch extinguishing, scythe, book (closed), lamp. Central—Coat of mail, sword, battle-axe, shield, drum, spear, and banner. Right—Open book, fruit, skull and cross-bones, spade, pick-axe, and fruit.

The monument is in good preservation.”

[I am indebted to the Rev. Wm. Kittson, Rector of Ballyburley, for the above.—ED.]

THE WACKLEY MONUMENTS.

With reference to the Wackley monuments, described in last year's Report, Mr. J. F. Fuller informs me that in the Patent and Close Rolls, Dublin, 6th Edw. VI.:—

“ Letters for John Wakely, for a lease for 30 years of ye Abby of Novan (Navan ?), are named. This John Wakely was ancestor of John Wakly, now of Ballyburley, in King's County, and was the first settler of his name in Ireland.

His Patent of grants of land in Meath is dated June 26th, 1547.”

I find John Wackley, M.P. for Navan, in 1559, and Thomas Wackley, of Ballyburley, King's County, M.P. for the same town in 1585.

Carbury.

“ Mural monument inserted in the west wall of ruined chapel at Carbury, Co. Kildare. The monument is of limestone, and has depicted thereon the Colley arms in rude relief. It bears the following inscription:—

THIS MONUMENT was erected by HENRY COLLEY, Esq., in memory of his Father Dudley Colley, alias Cowley, Esq., son of Sr Henry Cowley, of Carbury, Kt, who built this chappel and burial-place for his family, and are interred therein with their wives, Ann Warren, daughter of Henry Warren, of Grangebeg, Esq., and Katherine Cusack, daughter of Sr Thomas Cusack, Kt, then Lord Deputy of Ireland. Sr Henry Cowley was knighted by Queen

Elizith, in ye 2nd year of her reign, and made one of her Mai's Most Honble Privy Council. Henry Colley (now living), son of Dudley, married Mary Usher, and had issue by her 6 sons and 6 daughters, whereof 2 sons Henry and Richard and 6 daughters are now living. She was the only daughter of Sr William Usher, of Bridgfoot, Kt, by his lady Ursula, and lieth here interred, for whose memory this monument was made, ye 16th of July, Annogs Dom 1705.

The above monument might, with advantage, be removed from its present site, where it is suffering from damp, to the walls of the parish church of Carbury, which is quite close by."

W. T. KITTON.

[This family is now represented by the Duke of Wellington.—ED.]

KILDARE CATHEDRAL.

The following inscription is on a broken mural monument in this burial-ground :—

HERE UNDERNEATH LYETH THE BODY OF
JOHN HEWETSON ESQRE
HE WAS BORN AT SETTRINGTON IN YORKSHIRE
AND DYED THE 2 DAY OF FEBRU: 1658
ACED 45 YEARS
THIS MONUMENT WAS ERECTED
AS A MEMORIAL OF HIM
BY CHRISTIAN HIS WIFE
BY WHOM HE HAD ISSUE ONE SONNS (*sic*)
AND TWO DAUGHTERS. THE YOUNGER DYED
THE YERE OF HER AGE AND IS INTERED
BY HER FATHER.

Parish of Athy.

Church plate.

A Chalice, inscribed :—

"The gift of Dame Anne Harman to the Church of Athy. 1673."

A large handsome Flagon, with the inscription :—

"Given to the Church att Athy by the Right Honble Marie Countess of Kildare in the Year of our Lord 1745."

A large Paten, inscribed :—

"The gift of Mr. George Bradford to the Church of Athy, 1727. 9.1."

A beautiful large Chalice and Paten to match, with the episcopal arms (of Kildare) engraved on each, with the following inscription, on each :—

"The Gift of Richd Robinson DD. Lord Bishop of Kildare to the Church of Athy, 1764."

All the above are solid silver and hall-marked.

—H. F. Macdonald, M.A., Rector (in *Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette*).

C O U N T Y K I L K E N N Y .

At Thomastown, in this county, some old Mountgarrett tombstones have (I am informed) been lately cleaned.

St. Canice's Cathedral Churchyard.

This burial-ground, though enclosed with a high wall, and having doors, &c., with locks and keys, has not escaped. In a recent visit to Kilkenny I found fresh marks of the nails of "brogues," where the tombstones had been used as "slides."—ED.

Callan.

Tombstones of the Elizabethan period are said to be "by no means uncommon here"; but I understand a piece of great vandalism was committed about 50 or 60 years since by the then curate, who is reported to have re-flagged the aisle with ancient tombstones, many of which were reduced in size, and the inscriptions, which were on the edges, were cut away. Other stones were broken to fit small places, and some were thrown out.

I hope in a future Report to give an account of those that remain.

Parish of Grange Silve.

TOWNLAND OF DONINGA (?).—Here there is an ancient burial-ground called Clashneesta (?), surrounded by a good wall lately erected by the Board of Guardians of the district. Within is one tangled mass of briars, thorns, thistles, nettles, and other weeds, making it—as in so many other of our burial-grounds—a work of difficulty and danger to traverse them. What the contents of this burial-ground may be in the way of monumental remains, I am not permitted to say—the briars and thorns having absolute sway. I can only answer for one tombstone, the inscription on which I here give. I saw portions of others, and blocks of stones and flags appeared here and there through the wilderness of noxious plants and weeds, but they were inaccessible to me—armed only with a stick and gloves:—



I. H. S.

This stone was Erected
By DANIEL HOGAN, in memory of
His family. His Father JOHN HOGAN
Depd. this life May the 16th, 1774,
Aged 68 Years.

Also his wife JUDY and their two
sons LAZARUS and EDWARD HOGAN,
who depd. this life August the 1st, 1791,
Aged 66 Years.

Requiescant in Pace. Amen.

There appears to be rather a difficulty as to determining which of the three persons named in the last paragraph was 66 and died on 1st August, 1791.

Gowran.

In continuation of the Rev. Mr. Hewson's valuable paper, published in the Report for 1888, the Editor has now the satisfaction to give a highly-interesting account of the very early tombstone in Gowran churchyard therein referred to, with a beautiful full-page engraving of the stone, from a clever sketch by Mr. Hewson, and drawn for engraving by Mr. Wakeman. (See Frontispiece.)

From the Rev. E. F. HEWSON.

" Of the monuments at Gowran, I shall describe first a coffin-shaped floor slab with a life-sized effigy in high relief, and a Latin inscription round the bevelled edge. The cutting is rude; the material, limestone of bad quality, with several flaws running through it. Yet the stone has escaped surprisingly well the injuries which befell the other monuments here. The entire face has disappeared, the only remaining features being the ears. A piece containing the left foot has been knocked off, but remains entire, and can be refitted into its place and cemented there. With these exceptions, the monument remains uninjured.

Mr. Rothe, writing about 1814, refers to this effigy as that of a monk; but the vestments are very plainly those of a priest. There is an alb and girdle, a stole, and maniple, a chasuble, and perhaps an amice. There are neither shoes nor sandals, merely stockings.

Mr. Rothe also says that the original position of the effigy was near the altar, and there are several indications on this stone that it was set in the floor, with the head of the figure next a wall. This wall was, no doubt, the east gable of the choir; for the priest would thus lie facing the west, in which position the clergy were anciently buried, and still are (as is well known) in the Roman Catholic Church, from an idea that, at the resurrection, the pastor should be found facing his flock. When Mr. Rothe wrote, the monument had been removed to the " porch," by which, I suppose, he meant the central tower, then used as a sort of ante-room. It now lies on the gravel, beside the door, exposed to the weather.

The vestments afford an interesting study, but I must defer them for the present, and consider the inscription. It has not, so far as I know, been hitherto deciphered; and mistaking it at first in part for Irish, or some language I did not know, I should never have been able to decipher it but for the Bishop of Limerick, to whom I sent a drawing of the letters. He gave me the cue that it is all Latin, and sent me a partial reading, which I have since completed.

The inscription reads :—

FACSIMILE OF THE INSCRIPTION ON THE TOMBSTONE OF RADOVIHUS AT GOWRAN CHURCH,
COUNTY KILKENNY. (*See Frontispiece.*)

+ U CICID : VIXIT : VLLINVS : INVCO : VIXIT : SOSPES :
 CVNUS : LIV' E H̄ : I VS : H̄ C I STIS :
 H̄ I D O : O NT : CC : H̄ III O : X I : K V : APR II!

In modern letters, and expanding the contractions:—

¶ Tam vixit Sanctus Radovicus, erat
 Julianus dum vixit, sospes euntis
 Ballygaveran. * Julianus hospes obiit A.D.

m : cc : iiiio. xiii. ante kalendas Aprilis.

In this manner lived the holy Ralph. He was throughout his life a Julianus, the preserver of persons coming to Gowran. The hospitable Julianus died March 19th, 1253. †

* The first letter of the word which I have read Ballygaveran is no doubt much more like a fragment of an H than a B, and the word has been read "Fixrat." My idea is, that the stone-cutter meant at first to write EVNTIS HYC (coming hither), and, having cut the H, changed his mind, and altered it into the B of Ballygaveran. The B, however, not being cut so deeply as the H, disappeared entirely by wear, and all that is left is a fragment of the H.

† This reminds one of what was written of "Dermot of Kildare," A.D. 991, a distinguished abbot:—

"Dermod, protector of the good Canons,

A man of *blooming* (?) hospitality and friendship.

Unfortunate, O, supreme Dispenser of the laws!

—"Annals of the Four Masters." [E.D.]

The date just given is likely on first thought to be questioned—epitaphs of the 13th century and the earlier half of the 14th being commonly undated. In the first place, then, I have to say that this is about the most legible part of the inscription, and when one gets used to the letters is perfectly distinct. Then there is a dated epitaph, nearly as old, in the Cathedral of Kilkenny, the date in that case being 1285. And, thirdly, the form of the letters is a further confirmation. Being incised, and the surface rough, the most carefully-made rubbing is utterly illegible; but I have drawn the letters above. It will be seen that they are ancient Lombardic; and I have never seen upon stone so old-looking a Lombardic “t” as that which occurs six times in this inscription. The ordinary Lombardic T of the last quarter of the 13th century and the first half of the 14th would be formed by rapid writing of the ñ of this inscription, joining its three strokes into one, without lifting the pen. It will be observed, too, that though there are several abbreviations, the ordinary abbreviation mark is not used.

But there is complete confirmation of the date in a contemporary document preserved in the Record Office, London. In Sweetman's Catalogue one is described as a Royal licence, issued A.D. Feb. 5th, 1244, to John Long and Ralph de Ballygaveran, Archdeacon of Dublin, to elect a bishop. Geoffrey de Tarville, Archdeacon of Dublin, was elected Bishop of Ossory, upon the issue of that licence; and it must be inferred that the subject of this epitaph—Ralph, the Rector of Gowran—was a member of the cathedral chapter of St. Canice's, and one of the two members deputed to go to London to receive the licence. The church of Gowran belonged to the Knights Templars of Kilmainham; and, if the Kilmainham papers of the period are extant, they might be found to contain some further notice of this person.

It would be interesting to know whether this is the oldest *dated* epitaph in Ireland; and I should also be obliged if any person would inform me what nationality is indicated by the unusual form of the Latin for Ralph Radovicus; not Ranulphus. Living eighty miles from a library, I have not the books at command to discover. But is there not a proper name Radwig which would give the Latin Radovicus, as Ludwig (Louis) gives Ludovicus? It may be that the form of the word would mark him as a member of one of the Danish families, settled in Dublin, Waterford, or Limerick.”

(To be continued.)

KING'S COUNTY.

Ballyburley Parish Church, Diocese of Kildare.

COMMUNION PLATE—

2 patens, 1 chalice, 1 flagon, bearing inscriptions—
“Ballyburley Parish, 1805.”

The above are all silver.

FONT—

Base of Caen stone, stem of Galway marble, basin of white marble. The inscription is as follows—

“ Gertrude Anna Longworth Dames, born 1859, died 1868.”

“ Suffer little children to come unto me.”

“ Katherine Edith Longworth Dames, born 1868, died 1868.”

The bell bears no inscription.

WILLIAM T. KITTON, Incumbent of Ballyburley.

The Rev. J. F. M. Ffrench, of Clonegal, in his visit last July to the fine ruins of Clonmacnoise, was the happy means of the recovery of a very ancient tombstone with an Irish inscription on it, probably one of the “one hundred-and-seventy examples” named by Dr. Petrie in 1822, and of which 57 had disappeared in 1869. [See my Report for the year 1888, page 8.—ED.]

A countryman came to where Mr. Ffrench was standing, and asked him if he would buy a stone with letters on it! He then took Mr. Ffrench to his potato field, and pulled down part of the surrounding fence of rough stones, and at the foundation lay the inscribed tombstone, with its face (on which was the inscription, and a handsomely-cut cross “of a very early design”) downwards.

Mr. Ffrench arranged to have it handed over to Mr. Molloy, the Government caretaker, and we now hope it is safe, under lock and key, with its companions within the walls of Clonmacnoise.

Mr. Ffrench adds:—“I was thus glad in being able to do something to promote the objects for which the Fund for the Preservation of the Memorials of the Dead was instituted. May we not hope that many more monumental memorials will, through the agency of this fund, find their way back to the churchyards from which they were taken.”

C O U N T Y L E I T R I M .

I have to thank the Rev. Isaac Coulter, Rector of Manorhamilton Parish, in this county, for an account and drawing of a very early chalice belonging to the above parish; its date is 1596, and I hope to be able to give an engraving of it, with Mr. Coulter’s account, in my next Report. I am not at present aware of any other chalice in Ireland of as early a date, and will be much obliged if the clergy generally will kindly send me accounts of their plate, with full particulars as to inscriptions and marks, and size and weight, &c.—ED.

COUNTY LIMERICK.

KILMALLOCK ABBEY.

I have to thank J. H. Weldon, Esq., of Ash-hill Towers, for sending me the following interesting account of two ancient monuments in the above Abbey.

The errors in the copies of the inscriptions, to which he refers, are of value, and point out the care that is necessary in transcribing all such. It will afford great pleasure to many of our readers to hear of the work that is now being carried on for the preservation of the walls of this fine old ruin.

If any one will take the trouble to compare the inscription as given by Mr. Weldon, with that in the "Unpublished Geraldine Documents," edited by the late Rev. James Graves, and published in the *Journal of the Royal Historical and Archaeological Association of Ireland* (vol. iv., 1881, page 123), he will see that there are no less than four errors in the latter.

The writer in the *Journal* says:—"The tomb of Edmond, the White Knight, and his son Maurice, was, no doubt, originally erected in the choir, as an elaborate mural monument. Of this only the slab containing the inscription remains.

This was for many years lying in a broken state in the middle of the choir of the Abbey, but has been repaired at the expense of the Countess of Kingston, and now lies level with the grass.

The inscription is in incised Roman capitals.

The writer adds that it was intended that the dates of the deaths of Edmond and Maurice were to be inserted after the word PRÆFATUS, for which there is ample space on the stone."

Lewis says that Kilmallock obtained, from the magnificence of its ruins, the appellation of the Balbec of Ireland.

The Abbey, he says, was founded in the seventh century, by St. Molach.

In the aisles and transept of the church, Lewis names altar-tombs to the Fitzgeralds, Verdons, Healeys, Blakeneys, and Coppingers, generally of the seventeenth century, and rudely sculptured,—the figures are sunk, and the letters in relief.

"In the choir is a handsome monument to the family of Coote, of Castle Coote."

KILMALLOCK TOMBS.

BY J. H. WELDON, J.P.

Passing by our old Abbey at Kilmallock the other day, I was glad to see that the work of preservation and restoration has commenced; and, my thoughts turning to the interior of the ancient edifice, I was forcibly reminded of the remarkable and only two monuments it contains, in memory of the noble dead. And these thoughts present themselves more prominently than ever at the present; for, if the time has come for repairing the defects of the old building, surely it is also time for some one to attempt

the equally-needed work of amending the errors that have crept into all the published versions of the inscriptions on the monuments of the White Knights and the Burgate brothers. A portion of the inscription on the flag that covers the resting-place of the White Knights has been a good deal defaced of late years by persons, as I am told, dancing upon it, for which reason it ought to be protected in some way. But the following will convey a correct idea both of the slab and the inscription thereon:—

I H S

HIC · TVMVLVS · ERECTVS · FV-
 IT · IN · MEMORIAM · ILLIVS · STE-
 MMATIS · GERALDINORVM · QVI ·
 VVLGO · VOCANTVR · EQVITES ·
 ALBI
 IOANNES · CVM · FILIO · SVO ·
 EDMVNDO · ET · MAVRICIO · FI-
 LIO · PREEFATI · EDMVNDI ·
 ET · MVLTI · ALII · EIVSDEM · FAMIL-
 IEE · HIC · TVMVLANTAR · PREEF-
 ATVS

But without referring particularly to one more than another of the many able papers that have from time to time been written on this subject, it seems to me perfectly unaccountable how so many errors, both verbal and literal, originated; and more especially in regard to the mural monument to the Burgate young men. Ferrar or his copyist, no doubt, recorded it to the best of his ability, but the great mistake was in failing to perceive that the Latin inscription consists of eight lines of alternate hexameter and pentameter verse. Had that been observed, the principal errors might have been easily corrected subsequently, even by persons who had never seen the original, which is as follows:—

1642.

Tertia lux cæsos memorat Septembbris in anno
 Quem legis heu nondum tres tenet urna senes
 Marte nepos fratresque ruunt tria pignora justo
 Jus patriæ causam rexque fidesque probant
 Integer attritis reperitur candor in extis
 Virginis et veri purpura martyrii
 Lilia purpureos inter sudantia fluctus
 Tres merovere trium nomina marmor habe.

Fres. Georg.	}	Burgate.
Edw.		
Nep. Alex.		

There is a coat of arms, *in relief*, above the inscription. The crest is a boar's head. The inscription is in Roman capitals, also raised.

Of this there are two versified translations before us—one said to be by Professor Rowan, the other as given by Ferrar, who does not mention the author's name. The latter is as follows :—

1642.

Reader, this year it grieves my heart to tell,
In battle three relations nobly fell,
Fighting for king, religion, country, laws ;
Angels and men approve the glorious cause !
Their mangled sides exhibiting to view
The virgin's white, the martyr's purple hue !
Well may the herald's emblematic lore
Their bright achievements blazon o'er and o'er,
With dew-dropt lilies in a purple stream.
Marble, immortalise each hero's name.

Brothers George }
Edward } Burgate.
Nephew Alexander }

Professor Rowan's lines were, I presume, originally thus ; the italics are mine, to show what I believe the Professor did actually write, for the words not only suit the rhyme and the metre, but they give an intelligible as well as a correct rendering of the Latin words :—

1642.

September third, what year these figures tell,
Saw three slain youths inurned, untimely dead ;
Brothers and kinsmen pledged in just war fell ;
King, country, God approve wherfor they *bled*.
Youth's virgin purity—true martyr's blood
Mark out those corpses from the mangled heap,
As lilies struggling with th' ensanguined flood.
The three deserved well; their names thou marble keep.

The Brothers, George & }
Edward } Burgate.
The Nephew, Alexander }

Fedamore Church.

H. Loftus Tottenham, Esq., has sent me the following copy of an inscription on a monument in this church :—

Here Lyeth the body of JOHN CROKER, Esq., late of Ballinagarde, in the County of Limerick, who was the son of Thomas, who was the son of John Croker of Lyneham, in the County of Devon in the Kingdom of Great Britain, Esq., by — Stroud his wife ; who died the 12th day of July, in the year of our Lord 1717, being the 93rd year of his age.

Beareth argent, a chevron engrailed gules, between three ravens proper, by the name Croker, of Croker's Hall, in the County of Devon.

Lord, I am thine ; thou art my portion, save me.

Here Lyeth the bodies of JOHN, THOMAS, EDWARD,
and WALTER, the ____? sons, and also the body
of ELIZABETH his daughter.

JOHN CLANE.

COUNTY MEATH.

To Owen Smith, Esq., of Nobber, in this county, I am indebted for the following very interesting account of two old tombstones—one dated 1596—1618, the other 1680—1688. Had it not been for the observation and attention paid by Mr. Smith to this latter monument some 15 years since, the inscription on it would probably have been for ever lost, as, he says, it is now “nearly quite obliterated.”

Mr. Smith has supplemented his information by an interesting historical reference to one of the personages named on the tombstone.

I shall feel much obliged if others who kindly contribute information will follow his example, whenever it is in their power to do so, regarding any inscriptions they send me.

Churchyard—Townland of Robertstown.

In the Townland of Robertstown, Barony of Lower Kells, Co. Meath, stands the little churchyard of Robertstown. In former years the situation was very pretty, as it stood on the edge of Robertstown Lake, which divided it from the high-wooded lands of Cruisettown, the ruined church and prehistoric mound of which being reflected in its placid waters. But the improving spirit of the age stepped in, and, in draining the lake, succeeded in turning it into an unhealthy marsh, neither profitable nor picturesque. Of the church, which formed the nucleus of the graveyard, nothing now remains but some grassy ridges, which indicate the position of the foundations. Near the eastern end of this site are two ancient tombs of considerable interest. Both are sunk some 3 feet in the ground, the sides of the cavities being built with masonry, this preventing their being trodden on by the unthinking.

The more ancient belonged to a branch of the Barnewall family, which lived hard by at the ruined “Big House of Robertstown,” a castellated mansion of the Elizabethan period. The inscription is arranged round the edge of the stone in large raised letters, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, and is as follows—

**HIERE · LYETH · THE · CORPS ·
OF · ALXENDER · BARNEWEL · SOME ·
TYM* * [corner of stone broken off] * * TSTOWN ·**

WHO · DECEASED · THE · 3 · OF · NOVEM
BER · 1596 · ALSON · NETTIRVL · HIS ·
WIFE · CAVSED · THIS · MONVMNT ·
TO · BE · MADE · ANNO · 1618 ·

The centre of the stone is occupied by a shield bearing two coats-of-arms, underneath which, in a semicircle, are three words in the Irish language and character. I submitted a rubbing of this peculiar inscription to the Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language, Dublin, with the result that they very kindly favoured me with a translation, as far as they were able to decipher it. They say that the two last words are the same as if written in more modern letters—*3an e43la*, that is, “without fear.” The first they are not sure of, but believe it begins with *3a*. These words look as if they were a motto—their position, too, favours the opinion; yet the Barnewalls do not now use an Irish motto. It would be interesting to know if they did so at a former period. I send you a duplicate of this rubbing.

Near the bottom of the stone there are the usual emblems of mortality. Round the skull, like a halo, are the very appropriate words, “RESPICE FINEM.”

Singularly, all tradition of a Barnewall ever having lived at Robertstown has quite faded out of the recollections of the peasantry. The “Big House” is usually connected with a man named Gooders, one of Cromwell’s followers, who, if not badly belied, was far from being a good neighbour. And that the tombstone had long lain derelict, is shown by a second inscription, in petty incised letters, scattered here and there through rich sculptures—

“ Ys Monument Renewd by Roger.
McMahon for his posterity, 1813.”

But, alas!—

“ The best laid schemes o’ mice an’ men
Oft gang agley.”

Roger, once a “strong” farmer, fell away, and his “posterity” are now a thing of the past.

It is always pleasant to be able to attach an historical interest to any of these old tombstones. In this instance, there is no doubt the Alexander Barnewall of the following paragraph is the same to whose memory the monument was erected. In the instruction from Queen Elizabeth to Sir Henry Sidney, dated Greenwich, April 20th, 1568, it is ordered that:—

“ Alexander Barnwall, of Robertstown, shall have a lease in reversion of the Commandery of Kylmarnhambeg, lying near to O’Reiley’s country, for 21 years more than he had, paying the accustomed and usual rent, and upon condition that he will build such fortifications as shall be thought meet by our deputy and counsel for strengthening of these borders of the county against O’Reiley and McMahon within two years.”—(Cal. P. Rolls, 515.)

At Kilmainhambeg there was a preceptory founded in the 12th century by Walter de Lacy.

The second inscription, when taken in connection with the above paragraph, is curious reading. Doubtless, Barnewall, while living, was a "tower of strength" to the northern borders of the Pale. But, after death—why, even his grave was not sacred, but was quietly monopolised; and one can scarcely help smiling how naively one of the clan McMahon, as if in irony, has recorded the deed on his tombstone "with a pen of iron."

PLUNKET'S TOMB.

The second tombstone belonged to a branch of the noble family of Plunket, which lived at Castlecom, Ardnamagh, about a mile distant, not a stone of which now remains *in situ*.

On a slab of sandstone, 7 feet long by 4 feet wide, carved in high relief, are two figures (male and female). The pose of both is very good and life-like. The male is dressed in a kind of tunic, with boots rising high on his legs, and bearing large spurs at the heels. The head is covered with a conical cap or helmet, from under which masses of long hair seem to stream over the shoulders. In the right hand he brandishes a long sword over his head, while the left bears a shield (on which is depicted the arms of the family), slightly raised, as if prepared to guard the body. Both figures stand on the effigies of dogs—emblems of fidelity. The female is dressed in a long flowing robe, the hands slightly crossed in front, the left gracefully placed over the heart, while the right grasps something like a roll. Over both, the head and wings of an angel appear.

There was an inscription on this tomb, but it is now nearly quite obliterated. I was surprised to find this was the case at a late visit. It was evidently caused by some tufts of coarse briars, that have taken root between the masonry and the monument, the friction of which, on being shaken by the rain and wind, has caused this sad havoc, imperceptibly. I am glad to be able to supply this inscription, in a great measure, as I find a copy in an old note book of my own for the year 1875. It was arranged round the head of the stone, in slightly raised letters—

✹ THIS · MONVMENT · WAS · ERECTED ·
 FOR · FRANCIS · PLVNKT · OF · ARD
 AMAGH · * * * * · YEAR · 1688 ·
 WHO · DECEASED · THE · THIRD ·
 MAY · 1680 · AND · FOR · CATHER
 INE · PLVNKT · HIS · WIFE · WHO ·
 ERECTED * * * * · GOD ·
 HAVE · MERCY · * * *

At the entrance to the graveyard, on the fence, are some fragments of a stone cross, on a part of the broken shaft of which there is a long inscription in sunken letters, but now quite unreadable.

C O U N T Y W A T E R F O R D .

Cathedral.

A very curious tomb in the Cathedral of Waterford (dedicated to the Blessed Trinity) is thus described in Charles Smith's History of that City and County, dated 1746 (p. 174):—

"About the year 1482 a handsome chapel, 22 feet square, was erected against the north side of this cathedral by James Rice, a citizen of Waterford, since usually called Rice's Chapel (since taken down). In this place stood Rice's tomb, who was Mayor of Waterford in 1469, and several times afterwards. This tomb has been since removed into the church."

The effigy of Rice is cut in a kind of black marble, in high relief, lying on his back, with a shroud tied in a knot at the head and feet. Vervin, resembling frogs and toads, are cut in stone, as it were creeping out of his body.

The inscription, in the Gothic character, round the figure, runs thus:—

Hic Jacet Jacobus Rice, quandam
civis istius Civitatis et Mandato istius
Sepelitor Katerina Brown uxor ejus
Quisquis eris, qui transieris, sta perle-
genda plora sum quod eris, Ifuiq
quod es, pro me precor ora. Est
nostre sortis transire per ostea
mortis, Nostru Christe te Petimus
miserere, quaesumus qui binisti
redimere perditos, noli damnare
redemptos.

Round the lower edge of the upper stone of this monument are the names of several saints cut over the heads of the figures, which are done in basso-relievo all round the tomb.

BELLS.

Smith, the author of the History of Waterford, gives the following inscriptions on the bells—

On the tenor bell:

"These bells re-cast by order of the Rt. Rev.
THOMAS MILLES, Lord Bishop of Waterford and
Lismore, out of a legacy left by Robt. Gibbon,
A.M.

Sabbata pango Halleluiah
Joshua Kippling fudit
Anno Domini MDCCXXVII."

On the 5th bell :

“ Compleated by the care of Alderman
JOHN MOORE, Esq.
Mr. Pat. Callan, executor.”

On the 3rd bell :

“ J. K. Fudit A.D. 1727. Convoco clerum.”

On the 4th bell :

“ SIMON VERSHOUN, Mayor.”
Beverly Ussher } Sheriffs.
Edward Harrison }
J. K. Fudit 1727.
Funera Ploro Halleluiah.”

On the 2nd bell :

“ J. K. 1727.
Excito Tentos Halleluiah.”

On the 1st treble :

“ Congrego coetum Halleluiah.
J. K. Fudit 1727.”

C O U N T Y W E X F O R D.

The Rev. J. F. M. Ffrench has kindly contributed the following account of Killmyshall churchyard, the great interest in which lies in its being the supposed burial-place of Ellen Kavanagh, the heroine of the romantic story and song of “Eileen Aroon” :—

The old churchyard of Killmeyshall* is situated about 2 miles due south of Newtownbarry, and immediately adjoining the townland of Ryland is the reputed burial-place of “Aileen Aroon,” who was born at “Clonmullen Castle,” about three miles distant from Killmeyshall. In the centre of the old churchyard there is a holy well dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is held in great repute, and has over it a small plaster statue of the Virgin. A cup is placed on an adjoining tomb, for worshippers to use who wish to drink from the well. There are very little remains of the old church (scarcely enough to trace its site), and only a few cut stones scattered about. The graveyard is fenced in securely, and is evidently still much used as a place of interment.

At the east end of the ruins of the church, under a sacred thorn hung with votive offerings of rags, there is to be found a shamrock-shaped cross of granite, 14 inches high. This cross was probably originally placed on

* Myshall, Meyshall, Meeshall, corruptions of Magh-iséal (Moy-eeshal), a low plain.—(Joyce.)

one of the gables of the church, and is now adorned with a string of beads. There are several types of crosses on the tombstones in this churchyard—generally a combination of the cross with the letters I.H.S. For instance, one finds a Maltese cross, a cross with its arms terminating in balls, another with projections resembling slightly the heraldic “cross-crosslet.” The dates are 1717, 1727, &c.

At the lower end of the ruins of the old church there is a tomb, which is regarded as the tomb of a person of distinction by the inhabitants of the surrounding neighbourhood. The tomb is covered by a flat flag, bearing the inscription:—

**HERE LIETH THE
BODY OF ELENOR
BOOTE ALS KAVA.
NACH WHO DIED THE
14TH DAY OF JUNE
1717 AGED 63 YEARS.
REQUIVIESCANT [sic] IN
PACE. AMEN.**

At the top of this tomb there is a headstone with the cross and monogram



The following inscription is also copied from a flag tomb in the same churchyard—

**HERE LIETH THE BODY OF MATH
KAVANAGH, WHO DEPT JANY 7TH
1717, AGED 51 YEARS, ALSO HIS WIFE
JOAN KAVANAGH, ALIAS O'BRIEN,
DEPT DECEMBER 18TH 1790, AGED 59 YRS.
REQUIESCAT IN PACE.***

While making enquiries in the neighbourhood of the churchyard for the place that tradition had marked out as the tomb of Aileen Aroon, the wife of a farmer residing close to the graveyard repeated the following lines from memory, which she had learned from her grandfather, a man who died aged about 90 years. These lines teach us how deeply the story of Aileen Aroon has impressed itself on the minds of the peasantry—

ELLEEN AROON.

He looked over his father's land ;
He raised 500 men at his command ;
He mounted them on steeds ;
A single man on a milk-white horse rode he.

* There is evidently some mistake in these dates or ages.—Ed.

They went to the wedding-house room as fast as they could flee.
 The bridegroom stood up; an angry man was he,
 Saying, if it is to quarrel you came here, I am the man for thee.
 It is not to quarrel I came here, he said,
 But good friendship for to show.
 Fill me a glass of the new-malt wine to drink the health of the
 company before I go.
 He drank their health all round,
 Especially to the little girl with the grass-green *gound.**
 He caught her by the lilly-white hand, and by the waist so small,
 And he swept her out of the wedding-house room, from amongst
 the nobles all.

The following extracts, in prose and poetry, give popular published versions of this well-known Irish story.

Extract from the Rev. Wm. Hickey's (Martin Doyle) book, "Notes and Gleanings of the County of Wexford":—

"An old book of melodies informs us that the beautiful Irish song of *Eileen Aroon* had the following romantic origin:—A young and accomplished Connaught gentleman, named Carl O'Daly, was in love with the daughter of a chieftain named Kavanagh, who disapproved of his suit. O'Daly was compelled, in consequence, to leave Ireland for some time, and during his absence, *Eileen Kavanagh* being treacherously persuaded that he had forsaken her, consented to marry his rival. On the eve of the day fixed for the wedding, the banished man returned, and, in the eloquence of his love and grief, composed, in a sequestered spot by the sea-shore, the song of *Eileen Aroon*. Disguised as a harper, O'Daly gained admittance to the bridal party, and being invited by Ellen herself to play, he touched his harp with all the fire which the occasion inspired, and breathed his own impassioned feelings into every verse of the words which he had written. In the first stanza he intimates, according to the Irish idiom, that he would walk with her—that is, he would be her partner or lover during his life. In the second stanza, that he would afford her every delight. After this he tenderly asked, in the simple but impressive language of the original: Wilt thou stay, or wilt thou come with me, *Eileen Aroon*? She replied as he wished. Then he burst forth into his hundred-thousand welcomes—Cead mille failthe. It is not generally known that this popular expression of Irish hospitality owes its origin to this romantic tale. The stanza that contains the memorable line has been thus translated—

"A hundred-thousand welcomes. *Eileen Aroon*,
 A hundred-thousand welcomes, *Eileen Aroon*;
 Oh! welcome evermore,
 With welcome e'er in store,
 Till love and strife are o'er,
Eileen Aroon!"

22nd August, 1888.

* *GOWN.*

EILEEN AROON.

I.

Listen, Oh ! Lady fair,
 Decked out so gay,
 And ye light bridal train,
 Listen to my lay !
 Then shall your harper free,
 After his minstrelsy,
 Join in your revelry—
 Listen, I pray.

II.

Many a year ago
 Liv'd a fond youth.
 To him a lovely maid
 Plighted her troth.
 Banished by law severe,
 She from him turned her ear.
 Was she not, lady dear,
 Cruel in sooth ?

III.

No ; 'twas her father who
 Gave the command,
 Who to a stranger knight
 Proffered her hand.
 Spread was the marriage feast ;
 There an unbidden guest,
 Like a poor harper drest,
 Lady, did stand.

IV.

Where was affection then ?
 Listen, I pray !
 Was he a harper deem'd
 By his array ?
 Soon she her lover knew ;
 Near and more near she drew ;
 Off on his steed they flew.
 Ellen, away ! *

* The story of Eileen Aroon is said by P. W. Joyce to have all the marks of extreme antiquity, and that it is one of the most widely known of all the Irish airs. It was claimed by the Scotch in Burns' time for Robin Adair. One version is translated by Geo. Sigerson, another by Thos. Furlong. See Joyce's "Irish Music," 1888, for the above and for further particulars.—ED.

The story of Clonmullen Castle appears to be so interwoven with that of Ellen Kavanagh, that it is thought this would be a fit place to introduce the terrible curse said to have been pronounced against it and its new owner by Daniel or Donnell Kavanagh.

The last verse, about the woodcock building her nest in the heel of his gate, may be taken for the magpies building in the furze bushes in the ruins—

May he meet his end from a wound that brings no honour ;
May his death be unwept by bard or female,
Or even the wail of the hired mourner.
Let the track of the goat be at his bedside ;
May the green grass spring through the crevices of his hearth-stone ;
And the woodcock build her nest in the heel of his gate.

N.B.—Not a stone of the walls of Clonmullen Castle is now to be found. Ryan says (in 1833)—“ Not a vestige is now to be seen.” “ About 50 years since some remains of the castle were standing, but now (1833) the plough passes over its site.”—(Ryan, p. 333.)

Mr. Ffrench informs me that he was told by one of the grandsons of the settlers, who occupied the site of Clonmullen Castle after the original Irish were driven out, that the latter had always been in the habit of burying at Kilmeshal, which is an additional consideration in the question of Eileen Kavanagh being buried there ; and his informant also in some degree confirmed the words of the curse on Clonmullen Castle, by saying that the furze bushes around it had grown to such an abnormal height that magpies used to build their nests in them ! It was described as a scene of wild desolation,—a wilderness overgrown with thorns and briars.

Mr. Ffrench conjectures that the Eleanor Kavanagh, whose tombstone we found at Kilmyshall, was probably a grand-daughter of Daniel Kavanagh, alias “ Spaineach,” who was the last powerful chieftain of the Kavanaghs, who held Clonmullen Castle. He died 12th March, 1631, leaving a wife, Eleanor Kavanagh, and a son, Morgan, Kt. of full age, and married.—(Inquisition taken in Carlow in 1633, 21st October.)—ED.

New Ross.

A correspondent says :—

“ There used to be (some 40 years ago) three stone coffins at St. Mary’s Church in this town. One—a very fine one—was used as a coal-box for the vestry. When I was in Ross, a few years since, I asked the sexton about the other two, but he was unable to give me any information as to their fate ! ”

There were also numerous old-sculptured tomb-stones, within the ruins of the old church, much neglected, but well worth preserving.”

I intend in a future number to give copies of the inscriptions of most, if not all, of the old monuments and tombstones in this church and burial-ground.—ED.

In closing this Report, the Editor has the pleasure of informing the subscribers that he has received sufficient matter of interest to enable him to proceed with the preparation of the Report for the year 1890, shortly after the beginning of the new year, and that it will be found to contain much of interest. He hopes to be able to give some engravings of objects that he believes have not hitherto been printed, and that will add considerably to the value of the Report.

NOTICE.

EXTRA copies of this Report can be had on application to Colonel P. D. VIGORS, Holloden, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.

Some few copies of the Reports for 1888 and 1889 are still on hand, and can likewise be had on application.

The Editor will be much obliged if ladies and gentlemen who kindly contribute Notes for these Reports, will be good enough to write on *one* side only of the paper; and if they would use "sermon-sized" paper, and leave a margin, it would be a great convenience.

In copying Inscriptions, the Editor would feel obliged if a line thus | was drawn at the *end of each* line of the Inscription on the Monument; and, if a specimen of the lettering used was given, so as to enable the Inscription to be printed in the same style, it would be of use.

Subscriptions are earnestly requested, to enable the work to be carried on. All Subscriptions to be sent to Colonel VIGORS, to the above address.

The Editor wishes it to be distinctly understood that he is not responsible for errors in copies of Inscriptions sent him, nor for statements and opinions in Papers forwarded to him for the Reports.

The Report for the year 1891 will be taken in hand as soon as possible after the commencement of the New Year.

It is particularly requested that proper names, and dates, may be written *very* distinctly; and that care be taken in copying Inscriptions, to copy them exactly as they are on the original.

The Editor hopes to include in the Report for 1891 some interesting notices from hitherto unpublished manuscripts, including extracts from an Obituary of Meelick Abbey, Co. Galway; and also from an early manuscript of Isaac Butler, &c.

"Now generous reader, let me intreat your furtherance thus farre, that in thy neighbouring churches, if thou shalte finde any ancient funeral inscriptions, or antique obliterated monuments, thou wouldst copie out the one, and take so much relation of the other as tradition can deliver; as also to take the inscriptions and epitaphs upon tombes and grave stones, which are of those [or later] times: and withall to take order that such thy collections, notes, and observations may come safely to my hands: and I shall rest ever obliged to acknowledge thy paines and curtesie."—WEEVER.—*Gloucestershire Notes and Queries.*

" Jam parce sepulto
Parce pias scelerare manus."—*Virgil.*

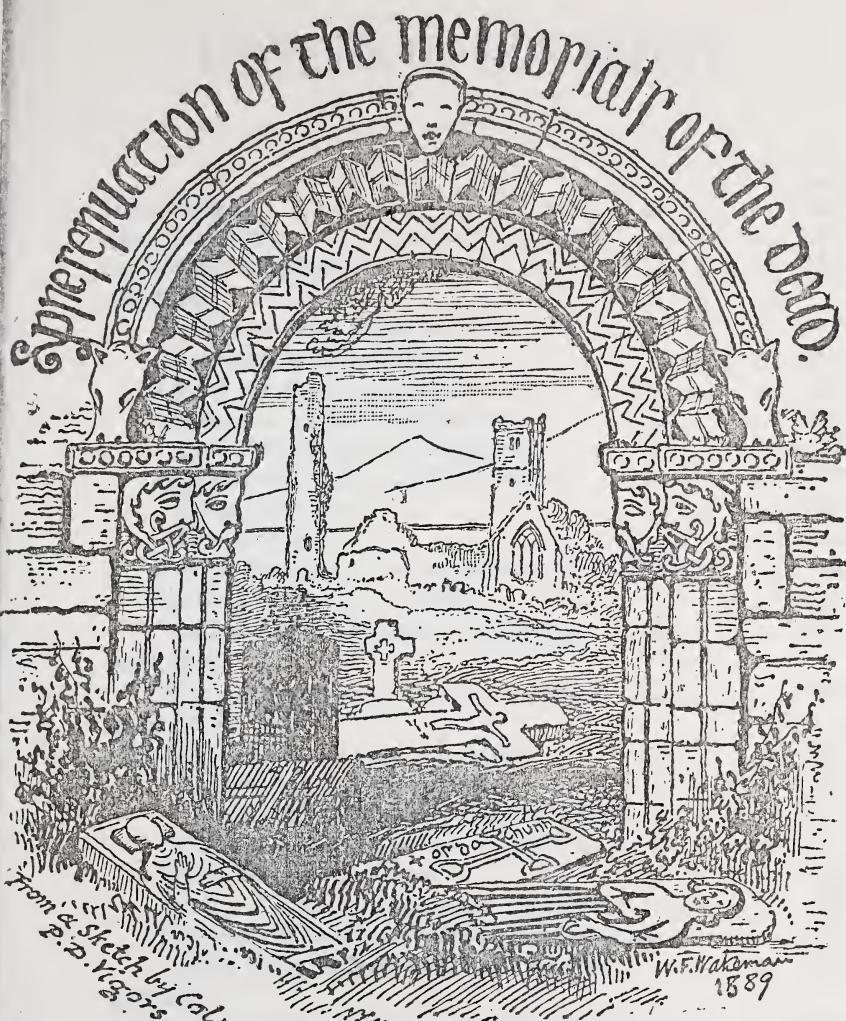
TRANSLATION.—Now deal reverently with my dust. Forbear to pollute thy holy hands.

"Every stone that we look upon in this Repository of past ages, is both an Entertainment and a Monitor."—*Plain Dealer.*

“ Tu mihi terram
Injice namque potes
Sedibus ut saltem placidis
In morte quiescam.”

TRANSLATION.—Do thou, since it is in thy power so to do, sprinkle the earth over my remains, *that at least after death I may rest in an undisturbed grave.*

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REPORT FOR 1890.

"Time corrodes our epitaphs, and buries our very tombstones."

IN this Report, my readers will find a considerable increase of matter on that of former ones, from a more extended area of the country—several counties, not before represented, now furnish their quota to the general work. This is what I am aiming at; and I do not feel disposed to rest in any way satisfied, so long as one single county remains without being included in my Reports.

Some counties have done much better than others; but this is sure to be so. The collection of material for these Reports should not be left to the Editor exclusively. As things now are, however, several counties would make but a poverty-stricken appearance, had it not been for my own notes and collections.

"There are grassy graves set side by side—
The high-born and the lowly,—
By common griefs, by common death, allied,
In ground that tears make holy."

—*Fisher's Scrap-Book.*

I would wish to draw attention to the early Lists of Incumbents of Parishes that will be found in the Report; and here I may announce my intention largely to add to them in future Reports. It will be a pleasure to me to receive additional names, with brief notices of the several persons, as the names occur.

Church-plate forms an important item in this Report; and I beg my clerical friends to supply additional particulars.

The valuable and curious notes so kindly sent me by the Rev. Hugh McNeill, of Gardenvale, concerning the County Antrim, cannot fail to be read with interest.

As a sort of guide to others as to the nature of the extracts from vestry-books that I would be glad to receive, I may direct attention to those from the old books of Dunleckney Parish, under County Carlow.

Many curious and interesting items can be extracted from such books—links capable of connecting the past with the present, in parish matters and people.

Under County Carlow will be found an early Visitation Return of Leighlin Diocese, the original of which is in Marsh's Library, Dublin.

The curious Latin inscription to the memory of the old Huguenot minister and his wife Pauline, [with Mr. R. Malcolmson's elegant translation of the same], it is pleasant to think, are now preserved beyond the injury of weather or mischief; and I hope, in my next Report, to be able to say that the tombstone has been put into a state of cleanliness and repair it so much requires.

Mrs. S. C. Hall's remarks (under Cork) cannot help to impress one with the idea that nearly fifty years have made but little progress in the advancement of Ireland, as regards veneration and respect for the memorials of the dead, or for their sacred resting-places.

I hope some of my readers will kindly supply information respecting the quaint epitaph on the Rev. Pierce Goold, given under County Cork.

The inscriptions from the Aran Islands, kindly contributed by Lord Walter FitzGerald, I am very thankful for.

Perhaps the inscription which will prove most interesting of all in this Report, is that of "DESMOND," dated 1504, and given under County Kerry. I leave it to my readers to puzzle or amuse themselves over it, and I will be very pleased to receive the result of their labours.

I am as yet unable to say what FitzGerald it refers to, or to give his wife's name. So far as I can find, no Earl of Desmond died in 1504, or was called "Garret" at that period.

Let me also draw attention to the Rev. E. F. Hewson's

further paper on the very ancient tomb at Gowran, described and figured in the Report for 1889.

I have thought it right to insert in this Report a brief record of the Irish inscriptions at Clonmacnoise, as given by the late Rev. James Graves, &c. The wholesale *robbery* and spoliation that has gone on in this burial-ground, is now, I trust, at an end; and neither "Connaughtmen" from across the Shannon, nor our American cousins" from across the Atlantic in want of an ancestor, will in future have the opportunity of appropriating any of the fine cross-inscribed stones from this most ancient burial-ground, unless through the gross neglect of the Government custodian.

The ancient chalice (date 1596), figured under County Leitrim, is probably one of the oldest in Ireland. I have heard of two others, of supposed anterior date. I hope to be able to describe them in a future Report.

The illustrations of the Sligo tombstones, which I am enabled to give through the kindness of Col. Wood-Martin, and of the fine Butler tomb at Clonmel, will show my desire to put on record tombs of interest and beauty.

Want of funds alone prevents me from printing a larger number of engravings.

"The year revolves, and I again explore
The simple annals of the parish poor.

• • • •
And who, if old or young, or nymphs or swains,
Are lost to life, its pleasures and its pains."

—Coleridge.

"Fair scenes of peace, ye might detain us long."

—Ditto.

"The body to its place, the soul to heaven's grace,
And the rest—to God's own time."

—Norse Song.

The Rev. James Ffrench has sent me the following extracts from the *Journal* of the Kilkenny Archaeological Association* for 1853:—

"Mr. Graves† brought before the meeting a report by Mr. J. Dunne, of Garryrickan, that having visited the churchyard of Killamorey on the

* Now the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland.

† The late Rev. James Graves, Secretary to the Society for many years.

15th of August, he found that the remains of the ancient chancel wall, which enclosed the tombs of the LEE family, had been uprooted in the previous week, and appropriated in making a *sewer* and *fence* in the vicinity of the Police Barrack there."

"Ancient tombstones are to be found in all the churches and abbeys of Kilkenny converted into the bases of fonts, the lintels of windows, the architraves of doorways, and such like uses," &c.

The following is on a notice-board at the entrance of a burial-ground in Lancashire. It were well if a copy of it were posted up in every churchyard and ancient burial-ground in Ireland, and followed :—

"The place wherein thou standest is holy ground.
Do no injury to trees or flowers,
For all are dedicated to God,
And to the memory of the departed.
Around thee sleep the dead.
Thou too must die.
Consider the end, and thou shalt never do amiss."

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The Rev. Hugh McNeill	Gardenvale, Co. Antrim	
Lieut.-Colonel J. Wall	Grange Con, Co. Wicklow	

I have received for advertisements and for copies of the back Reports, £3 6s. 3d.

The expenses—printing, engraving, postages, circulars, and for repairs to R. Millikin's tombstone—amount to £21 3s. 6d.

The number of subscribers to the Fund was 75 this year.

No subscriptions have, I regret to say, been received during the year from the following 10 counties, viz.:—

Cavan	Donegal	Down
King's County	Leitrim	Londonderry
Longford	Queen's County	Roscommon
		and Tyrone.

The number of non-subscribing counties last year was 17.

Several counties have furnished valuable Notes, &c., for which I beg to thank the senders. In all, I have received Notes, &c., from 26 of our 32 counties; but there are 10, as stated above, which furnish no subscriber!

REPORTS FROM COUNTIES.

C O U N T Y A N T R I M .

Ballintoy.

Date of old church not known. New one begun in 1812 ; cost £1,374.

On the old bell (cracked), which has lately been replaced by a new one, is the following curious inscription :—

“ Archibald Stewart gave me ; Charles, his son,
recast me, anno 1686 ; and Archibald, the
son of Charles, recast and augmented me,
anno 1718.”

FORMER INCUMBENTS.

Rev. Archibald M'Neale, M.A. 1690	Rev. Robt. Trail, M.A. (19 Aug.) 1777
” Archibald Stewart, D.D. 1718	” Robert Gage ... 1820
” John Rider (5 Oct.) 1745	” Henry Carter, D.D. 1842
” Edward* Lodge (3 Nov.) 1759	” Francis Dobbs, M.A. 1872

[I am indebted to the “Handbook of the Diocese of Connor,” by Lavens M. Ewart, Esq., 1866, for the above, and for the other lists of incumbents in this diocese.]

NORTH TOWN.

Church Plate—

Chalice—13 inches high by 5 inches in diameter, engraved :—

“ Ex dono Domina Sarae Stewart Ecclesiæ de
Ballintoy tricesimo Martii anno dom. 1684.”

Paten—4½ inches in diameter, no hall mark, but date 1684 matches the chalice. Both are of silver.

[From the Rev. Hugh M'Neill, who has kindly sent me the notes on the church plate of the other parishes in this Rural Deanery.]

“ Previous to 1745, Ballintoy formed part of another parish.”—*Par. Sur.*

The Rev. Hugh M'Neill says there is at present no *silver* plate in the following parish churches in this county :—

Armoy. Cushendun. Dunseverick. Drumtullagh.

Solid Silver Church Plate in the Rural Deanery of Carey, Diocese of Connor, in 1890.

* Edmond, according to the Rev. Robert Trail (1814).

Culfeightrim.

Church Plate—

Chalice—8 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches high by 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter of cup. No inscription.

Paten—5 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter; engraved thereon:—

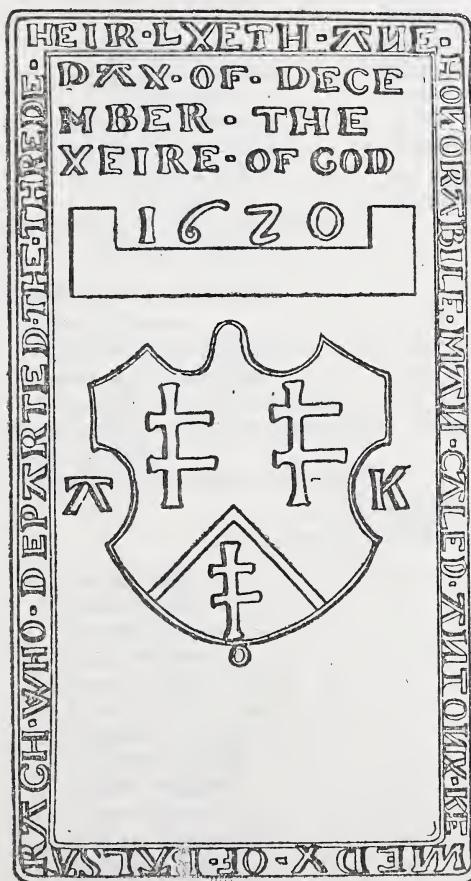
"This server, chalice, and flagon given to ye
Church of Culfaightrin by Mr. Charles
M'Neill, the 1st Landwaiter of Ballycastle,
Octr. ye 25: 1728."

The flagon is dated 1839, and is only copper, plated.

[Nothing is known of this Charles M'Neill, once employed at Ballycastle Harbour.]

Church built in 1830.

Billy Parish.



Flat tombstone in Billy churchyard, now lying inside the walls of the old church. It was uncovered, where it now is, some years ago.

Raised letters in good preservation.

This epitaph is given in "The MacDonnells of Antrim," by Rev. George Hill.

Anthony Kennedy was one of the early Scotch settlers from Balsaragh in the parish of Kirkoswald, Ayrshire.

EPICEDIUM
 REVERENDI PASTORIS
 JER. O'QUINII
 O'QUINIUS PASTOR MOLLIS
 REQUIESCIT
 IN VRNA HAC
 AST ANIMO IN CAELO
 NUIMNIS ORA
 VIDENS
 EXERCENTE ILLIUS VERBL
 SEDAVERAT AGNOS
 CHRISTI
 JAM EX VIVO FLUMINE
 POTAT AQUAM
 OBIIT ULTO JAN. MDCLVII
 SUB HOC ETIAM
 CIPPO
 REQUIESCUNT
 RELIQUIAE PASTORIS
 REVERENDI
 THOMAE BABINGTON A.M.
 HUJUSCE PAROCHIAE
 IN TRIGINTA ANNOS
 VICARII
 OBIIT QUARTO NOVS MDCCXXIII
 AETATIS LXIX.

Flat tombstone inside of iron railing near middle of S. boundary wall of Billy Churchyard, Co. Antrim.

Incised modern letters, all Roman capitals.

It is probable (as the inscription is evidently all of same date, and modern) that the representatives of Rev. Thomas Babington removed the original epitaph to O'Quin, and restored it in modern letters.

Jeremy O'Quin was by birth an Irishman and a Roman Catholic, but was educated by the Upton family, and became a Presbyterian. He was one of the two Presbyterian ministers who favoured Oliver Cromwell, and were not proscribed by him in 1650.

Henry Cromwell granted £25 to pay for this tombstone and the funeral expenses of O'Quin.

Cushendall Parish.

Church Plate—

Chalice—9 inches high by $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches diam., hall-marked.

Patent— $4\frac{1}{8}$ inches diam.

Wine-Strainer— $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches diam. This is likely the property of a former Rector, and got added to church plate. Above are hall-marked, so dates might be found.

Church built in 1831; cost £900.

LAYDE CHURCH, FORMER INCUMBENTS.

Rev. Samuel Todd	...	...	...	...	...	...	1622
„ Robert Echlin							
„ Edward Games	...	...	...	...	...	...	1660
„ Daniel M'Neale	...	...	...	...	...	...	1664
„ George Lovell	...	...	...	...	...	...	1681
„ Peter Ward	...	...	...	...	...	...	1707
„ Samuel Elwood							
„ John Grace, A.M.	...	...	...	...	...	...	1737
„ Arthur Sampson	...	...	...	...	...	...	1766
„ Thomas Higgins	...	...	...	...	...	...	1781
„ William Ravenscroft	...	...	...	...	...	...	1789
„ William Lindsay	...	...	...	...	...	...	1797

„ — Oulton	...	...	...	...	...	...	1829
„ Marcus Falloon	...	...	...	...	...	...	1831
„ James Dunseath, A.B.	...	...	...	...	...	...	1846

[From Mr. Ewart's Handbook.]

Derrykeighan Parish.

OLD CHURCHYARD.

Copy of two parts of a flat stone now supporting a flat memorial slab to Margaret Boyde, 1625 :—

“HEIR UNDERLIEFH KATHRIN PE [stone broken off] YE WIFE TO THOMAS I BOYDE OF C [part gone] LATE I PROVOST OF IRVINE WHO DEPARTED I THIS LIFE ON THE II. OF NOVEMBER IN I ANNO DOI 1615.”

Underneath this inscription are the indistinct remains of a coat-of-arms, with the letters T. B. on either side.

The letters of the inscription are raised, and rest in a groove ; they run round the edges of the stone. The inscription is in good condition.

The Rev. Robert Stirling's monument, 1698, on flat tombstone near N.E. corner of old Derrykeighan Church :—

“HERE LAYS THE BODY OF MR. ROBERT STIRLING PREACHER OF THE GOSPEL WHO DEPARTED THE . . . OF IVNE 1698 IN THE 7-YEAR OF HIS AGE.”

“In the centre is a shield surmounted with the head and neck of some animal, possibly a stag ; the shield is smooth, and does not appear to have had any arms cut on it.

“Robert Stirling was a Scotchman, and was the first Presbyterian minister in Derrykeighan. He is said to have been related to some noble Scotch family..

“He was succeeded in the ministry in 1703 by his son, Thomas Stirling, who was one of the Non-jurors, but seems to have fared none the worse therefor.

“This stone is much worn and in part illegible, and is broken across the middle.

“The inscription is in a groove in raised letters round the edge.

“In the seventeenth century Mr before a man's name was equivalent to Rev. in the present day, and meaning Master of Arts.”

DERRYKEIGHAN OLD CHURCH RUINS.

“The Tract of *Engus* the Culdee, written prior to A.D. 800, mentions as the Christian minister in Derrykeighan, Colman Muilinn, a grandson of Milcon, with whom St. Patrick was in bondage, so Christianity was declared here about A.D. 460, or 150 years prior to the arrival of Augustine at Canterbury. The place is mentioned in the Taxation of Pope Nicholas A.D. 1300, and in many subsequent records.

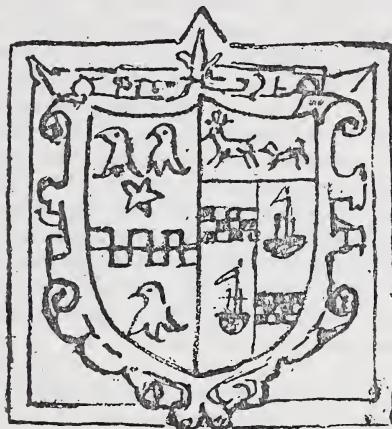
“About A.D. 1606 the church was made one-third shorter and smaller,

showing a decrease in the population, probably from the many invasions and civil wars of the preceding centuries.

"The church was in use, and the only church in the parish, till 1829, when a part of the parishioners wished to have a new church built on a new site, but another part wished to retain and repair the old church; for some time the question could not be settled, but finally some one compelled a decision, by putting a keg of gunpowder into a vault under the church, and blowing up the flooring and windows.

"The name of this Guy Fawkes was never discovered, but it was generally considered to be *one* of the parishioners, who wished to force a decision.

"After this a new parish church was built in Dervock, and the old ruins are now in the charge of the Board of Poor Law Guardians."



"On the N. wall of the old church, inside, and now the lower part of the tablet touches the grass, the level of the floor having been raised by graves."

On the right of a shield bearing the arms of Fullerton and Echlin [see annexed sketch] is the following inscription in incised letters in fair preservation [see footnote*]:—

"HERE · LIETH · THE · BODIE · OF · WIL...IAM ·
FVLERTON · CLARK · ARCH-DEACON ·
OF · ARMAGH · AND · PREBEND · OF · CARNCAS
TLE · WHO · DEPARTED · THIS · LIFE · THE · 29TH
OF SEPT · 166 [broken] WITH · HIS · WIFE · IEANE ·
DAVGHTER · TO · ROBERT · ECHLN · BISHOP ·
OF · DOWNE · AND · CONNOR · BY · WHOM ·
HE · HAD · SVCH · CHILDREN · AS · FOLLOW
ETH · ROBERT · WILIAM · IOHN · IEANE
MARGARET · EVPHAM · ISOBEL · 
MARY · AND · AGNES"

"The figure  after ISOBEL is probably a distaff—possibly to show the first or last two daughters died 'spinsters.'

N.B.—The N's are all made upside down—thus N.

* The arms are those of Echlin:—Qry 2 and 3 or, a gally ppr; 1 and 4 ar, a fesse chequy purpure and of the first. On a chief ar, a stag pursued by a hound gules. The tablet may be to Mrs. William Fullerton, who was a Miss Echlin, and widow of Robert Maxwell.

"He was Incumbent of Derrykeighan from 1628 to 1666, as Prebendary of Carncastle."

Jane Echlin, 3rd daughter of Bishop Echlin (Bishop of Down and Connor). She was twice married—1st to Henry Maxwell, of Finnabrogue, Co. Down; and 2ndly, to William Fullerton, Archdeacon of Armagh, Prebendary of Carncastle, and Rector of Ahoghill, &c. He was alive in 1664. The monogram stands for J. E. M. F.—Jane Echlin Maxwell Fullerton.

[Rev. W. Reynell, 1889.]

Many of the letters in this inscription are conjoined curiously, so as to make one letter form part of two or even three letters.

William Fullerton,* like the other Church of Ireland clergy of his time, was a Scotchman. He was ordained Deacon and Priest, at "Pentecost, A.D. 1628," by James Ussher, Archbishop of Armagh. His father-in-law, Robert Echlin, Bishop of Down and Connor, appointed him Prebendary of Carncastle in 1629; Lord Edward Chichester made him Rector of Ahoghill in 1633; and in same year Archbishop Ussher appointed him Archdeacon of Armagh.

"In 1642 he was commander of the Protestants besieged in Ballintoy Church from January till June, when he was relieved by the Scotch army.

"In 1644, William Fullerton signed the Solemn League and Covenant, for the Scotch army and its Presbytery, then being paramount in County Antrim, suppressed all forms of religion except their own. In the same year William Fullerton and five other Church of Ireland clergymen established what they called "The Route Presbytery," and tried to refuse the sway of the chaplains of the Scotch army, but they, with the assistance of the Parliamentarian Commissioners, suppressed this Route Presbytery.

"In 1655, William Fullerton had £80 a-year from Cromwell's "Treasury of Tithes," which was made £100 a-year in 1657, when he was described in an Inquisition as "a preaching minister now in salary." He was alive in 1665, and his successor in the Prebend of Carncastle was appointed in 1666. It is likely the date of his death on the tablet was 1666.

"The tablet is in good condition, but is cracked diagonally; and from the spaces in the letters, evidently this crack existed before the letters were cut."

A freestone mural tablet in Derrykeighan old church, in ruins, in the south-east part of the gable, inside:—

[Coat-of-arms, with initials G.B., J.G.]

"HEIR · LYETH · THE · BODY · OF | MAYOR ·
GEO · BOYD | WHO · DIED · THE · 14 · OF | JAN · THE
79 · YEAR · OF · HIS | AGE · ANO · 1688 |
WITH · HIS · WIFE · JEAN | GORDON · WHO
DIED · OCTOBER · THE · 8 · 1679."

* On the monument the name has only one L.—ED.

In the *Journal* of the Kilkenny Archaeological Society, vol. ii., part 1, for 1858, is an article, by the Rev. George H. Reade, "Gleanings in Northern Churchyards."



The annexed plates are copied from drawings there given of the tombstones of J. E. M. F., beginning voce GREGEM, and Robert Kar; but neither of these appear to be correct transcripts of the inscriptions or arms.

Copy from Montgomery MSS. (Hill's edition, page 124), who quotes from Harris, p. 55—"On a stone in S. wall of Greyabbey old church, Co. Down, to Rev. David Magill:—

"Voce gregem vitaque Deo Lethoque fideles,
Qui pavit placuit qui cruciavit, hic est.
Obiit 15^o Octobris, anno 1633."

"Who fed the flock with voice and pleased God with life,
And who grieved the faithful by death, is here.
He departed 15 October, anno 1633."

Except the date, this seems the same epitaph as that on mural tablet on W. gable of Derrykeighan Old Church, Co. Antrim.

See above drawing.



The date on Kar's stone is given wrongly as 1616, instead of 1676; and the date (1714) at the end is wholly omitted.

The Rev. Hugh M'Neill says—"The Kars and Boyds were Scotch settlers, planted by Sir Randal MacDonnell, afterwards created Lord Antrim. Kar's tombstone (is of marble), and now stands at the head of a grave, but was once evidently set in some framing, and it is said to have been moved about fifty years since."

PLATE IN DERRYKEIGHAN CHURCH.

Chalice—10 inches high by $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches, hall-mark of 1714. Engraved thereon—"The Church of Derrykikhain, 1716."

Paten— $4\frac{1}{2}$ in diameter; same inscription as chalice.

Flagon—12 inches high. "Derrikeighan Church, provided by the parishioners, 1864." 13 inches high by $6\frac{5}{8}$ base.

Offertory Plate—9 inches in diameter. Engraved thereon—"Derrikeighan Church, provided by the parishioners, 1866."

Nothing is known as to origin of chalice and paten, but in the Visitation of 1694, it is noted: "Johannis M'Queene, clericus et curatus de Derrikighan comp. Exhib. monet. Coenam Domini celebrare ter per annum et providere Utensilia pro eadem per Vestiarium."

Church built in 1829. Renovated in 1857 and in 1878.

Parish of Rathlin.

An island off Antrim coast.

St. Thomas's Church; re-built in 1812.

FORMER INCUMBENTS.

Rev. John Martin	...	...	...	...	...	...	1723
" James M'Lean	...	...	...	...	...	...	1740
" Charles Boyd	...	...	...	...	...	...	1747
" Alexander Cuppage	...	...	...	...	...	...	1766
" James Moone	...	...	...	...	...	...	1772
" Robert Gage	...	...	...	...	...	...	1824
" Benjamin Bewley	...	...	...	...	...	...	1863
" Robert Atwell	...	...	...	...	...	...	1870
" George M'Lean	...	...	...	...	...	...	1881
" David Kennedy	...	...	...	...	...	...	1887

Church plate:—

A Chalice with inscription, "Given by Mr. Charles M'Neale ye 14 of febry 1719."

Paten—No inscription, but evidently of the same date as the chalice.

Both are silver.

Parish of Seagoe.

Church built in 1814–1816.

The ruins of the old parish church (rebuilt in 1660) stand in an adjoining townland close by.

In 1244, Seagoe emerges as a Rectory, with the dignity of Archdeacon of Dromore attached to it. From that date, with some intervals, the line of Rectors and Archdeacons can be traced to 1879, when, on the death of Archdeacon Saurin, the Archdeaconry was separated from the Rectory.

The Vicars were the resident clergymen.

Present Rector, the Rev. Abraham Dawson, A.M., inducted 1879."

FORMER RECTORS.

Rev. Francis Reddington, D.D.

Thomas Bayly, D.D., Bishop of Killala	...	...	...	...	1663
Patrick Sheridan, M.A., Bishop of Cloyne	...	...	...	...	1664
Francis Marsh, D.D., Archbishop of Dublin	...	...	...	...	1664
Patrick Sheridan, M.A. (re-appointed)	...	...	...	...	1667
Roger Waring, D.D.	...	...	...	...	1682
Henry Jenny, D.D.	...	...	...	...	1692
George House, M.A.	...	...	...	...	1742
Conway Benning, LL.D.	...	...	...	...	1770
Stewart Blacker, M.A. [Dean of Leighlin]	...	...	...	...	1777
Hon. Pierce Meade, M.A.	...	...	...	...	1810
James Saurin, M.A.	...	...	...	...	1832

FORMER VICARS.

Rev. John Jones, B.A.	...	...	...	...	...	1657
“ Henry Jenny, D.D.	...	...	...	...	...	1687
“ John Campbell, Sch., B.A.	...	...	...	...	...	1687
“ Arthur Fforde, M.A.	...	...	...	...	...	1730
“ Hugh Tisdall, M.A.	...	...	...	...	...	1748
“ Richard Buckley, M.A.	...	...	...	...	...	1763
“ George Blacker, B.A.	...	...	...	...	...	1796
“ Stewart Blacker, M.A., Dean of Leighlin				...	...	1810
“ James Sauriu, M.A.	...	...	...	...	...	1826

In an account of this parish, written by Lieutenant-Colonel Blacker, of the Armagh Militia, in 1816, I find it stated that the only ancient building then existing was the church, more than half-buried in the graves with which it is surrounded. The pews and pulpit, he says, are of old black oak, of curious workmanship. The latter exhibits a date on the front, of 1666.

“ Within the last three years an exhibition of taste took place here, which should be handed down to posterity. This fine old black pulpit and reading-desk were, ‘risum teneatis,’ actually painted a muddy yellow !”

The following is the list of Incumbents, as taken from the Records of First Fruits :—

“ Joes Jones admiss fuit 17^o die Aug 1629 Rector de Seagoe in com Armagh (*sic*) Non taxat.

Johes Campbell collat fuit, 4^o die Octobr 1687 ad Vicar de Seagoe.

Rev. George House, clerk, collated 30 Novr. 1742 to the Archdeaconry of Dromore, Rectory and Vicarage of Donaghcloney, Rectory of Seagoe, and Rectory of Magherawly.

Hugh Tisdall, Vicar of Sego, 22 Oct., 1748, N.t.

Richard Buckley, V. Sego, 14 June, 1763, Down, N.t.

Conway Benning, Rector of Donoghcloney, Vicar of Donoghcloney, Rector of Seagoe, R. Magerawly, £10.

George Blacker, collated 1 June, 1796, Vicar of Seagoe, Armagh, £4.”

The following epitaph is given by the same writer :—

“ To the memory of
THE REVEREND GEORGE BLACKER,
late Vicar of this Parish.

A warm friend. A sincere Christian
An exemplary Clergyman : who illustrated by
his actions the Gospel which he delivered
He lived beloved, and died deeply lamented
May 1st, 1810. Aged 46 years.
‘ An Israelite without guile.’ ”

A memorial stone, with an inscription, was placed under the first stone of the new church on 1st June, 1814.

(To be continued.)

C O U N T Y A R M A G H .

Parish of Kilmore.

The following is on the south wall of church, outside chancel :—

“ SACRED
TO THE MEMORY OF THE REV^D. JOHN BRANDRETH
A.M. DEAN OF EMLY AND RECTOR OF KILMORE
WHO WAS REMOVED FROM THIS LIFE TO A
BETTER ON WEDNESDAY THE 3D OF OCT^R.
1764 IN THE 69 YEAR OF HIS AGE.
HE LOVED OUR NATION AND HATH BUILT
US A SYNAGOGUE. ST. LUKE VII. CH: 5TH VER.”

On the floor, outside chancel steps :—

“ HERE LYETH THE BODY OF
DOCTOR G. WALKER,* CHANCELLOR OF ARDMAGH
AND RECTOR OF KILMORE, WHO DYED THE
15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER ANNO DOM 1677.”

“ Here Lyeth the Body | of Jane Bissett
daught | er of Doctor Alexander | Bissett
and Jane his wife | she was born on the
eleventh day of May | 1762, and died
on the | tweelth [sic] of February 1771.”

[From the Rev. W. Percival Magee, Rector.]

Church built in 1814 ; cost £2,800.

C O U N T Y C A R L O W .

Parish of Dunleckney and Augha.

EXTRACTS FROM THE VESTRY-BOOKS.

The earliest begins in 1776 (a large leather-covered book, about 14 inches by 9 inches), ending in January, 1855 ; the last 6 pages (whereof 4 are blank) being modern foolscap paper ; the rest of the book is strong paper, with red lines round the top and sides. The writing is clear and well preserved, but the book itself is mutilated ; a number of pages at the beginning being apparently deficient, the exact number cannot now be ascertained, as the book unfortunately has never been paged. It now contains 118 leaves, besides the 6 above mentioned. The left-hand pages are mostly blank. Water-mark on paper, “J. Honig.” No date.

* Was he father of the famous George Walker, of Derry?—ED.

The first entry in this book is as follows :—

1776. "At a vestry held according to adjournment, on Wednesday, the 9th of Octbr., 1776, in order to confirm the act of vestry held on the 3rd inst. to applot the sum of nineteen pounds six shillings and ten pence, It is agreed upon by the minister, church wardens, & parishes assembled, that the several sums appointed to be raised by sd vestry for the purposes therein mentioned be now approved of & confirmed; & it is likewise order'd that the applotmt. produced & applootted by Messrs. John & Edwd. Humfrey & John Eustace, at the rate of eight shillings & two pence p. hundred acres, be also approved of & confirmed.

(Signed) Jams. Challoner, Minn.
Matt. Humfrey } Church
____ } wardens.

John Humfrey. Wm. Steuart.
John Eustace."

1777. "The next vestry was held on Easter Tuesday, the 1st day of April, 1777, when various sums of money were ordered to be "raised" to defray certain expenses, *inter alia* £1 2s. 9d. a-year for 20 years, to be paid to Jacob Smith for keeping the slates and tyles of the church in proper repair.

" Ordered that for the better conveniencing the parishes. four of the stalls be altered for the use of the following families :—James Magee, Sam. Moses, and Henry May (?), Tom Corrigan, Willm. Burroughs, Ed. Payne, John Jacob. Said stalls to be made uniform with the other pews, and painted and numbered at the expense of said persons.

"Ordered that a sum of five pounds be raised in the parish for a cushion for the pulpit, chimney-piece, grate, and levelling the ground before the church door, &c. This vestry was attended by:—James Challoner, curate; Thomas Gurly & Matt Humfrey, ch. wardens; John Eustace, Edward Payne, Joseph Smith, Samuel May, Wm. May, James Miggee (!), John Smith, Moses May, William Burrows, John Corragan."

1777. "At a vestry held on Friday, 18th inst. (April) the sums required at a former vestry were ordered to be raised off the united parishes of Agha, Dunleckney, and Templepeter, amounting to £25 4s. 6d., being at the rate of nine shillings and one penny p. hundred acres.

1778. "At a vestry held in the parish church of St. Mary, Dunleckney, on Easter Tuesday, being 21st of April, 1778, William Stewart* and Mathew Humfrey, Esqs., were appointed church wardens for the ensuing year; £10 ordered to be raised for the clerk's salary.

"That one pound six shillings be raised for a chimney-piece.

"That Amys. Thomas† and Benjamin Roche,† Esquires, be appotters."

1778. "At a vestry on Wednesday, the 13 of May, it was resolved that the stall next the door on the north side of the church be appropriated to the use of the domesticks of B. Bagenal, Esq.

"Resolved, that it is the opinion of the parishes, that the alterations

* Of Stewart's Lodge, Leighlin Bridge.

[†] Both of Leighlin Bridge.

made in the church of sashes instead of lead lights, and of pues instead of stalls, were by the particular orders and directions of the Bishop, and that the lining of the communion table and pilasters, were by the order of Mr. Cooly agreeing to a plan sent down by him to Mr. White for that purpose, also that the Bishop particularly ordered the large stone near the church should be Blasted. (!)

"Resolved, that the affidavids attesting the alterations should be forwarded to the Bishop together with the request of the parishes, that the ballance due to Mr. Whyte should be discharged by him out of the tax."

1779. "At a vestry held in the parish church of St. Mary, Dunleckney, on 7th April, 1779, being Easter Tuesday, Amyas Thomas and Benjamin Roche were elected church wardens for the ensuing year."

"At a vestry held on 20 April, 5 shillings & 5 pence per 100 acres was apploated."

1780. "At a vestry held on Easter Monday, 27 March—Resolved that the parishes of Dunleckney do make a requisition that Mr. Matt. Humfrey do serve the office of church warden for the ensuing year, from a consideration of his disposition to serve the parish, which for several times he has done, and for which the parish return him thanks, which Mr. Humfrey agrees to do; at the same time Resolved that Arthur O'Brien, Esq., be the other church warden."

At the next vestry, held on 4th April, the proceedings are signed by "Wm. Patsull, Curate of Clonmulsh," and two subsequent vestry meetings same year.

1781. At a vestry held on Easter Tuesday, April 17th, 1781, "Peter Mosse" signs as Curate, first time.

A list of Poor Widows, &c., is given.

1785*. At a vestry held March 29th, 1785, Mr. James O'Neil and Francis Worthington were appointed church wardens.

"Resolved, that the sum of 16 shillings be raised and paid to Edwd. Payne for providing sacramental bread and wine, and washing the church surplice."

"Resolved, that the vestry be now adjourned to Tuesday, the 19th April next, & then held for the purpose of considering the necessity of building a gallery," &c.

"On the 19th April it was resolved that Beauchamp Bagenall, Esq., John Humfrey and Mathew Humfrey, Esqrs., Richard Mercer, Esq.,† and — Weld, Esq., and the Rev. Peter Mosse, be a committee to collect subscription for building a gallery in said church.

"John Gorman, Esq., having signified by John Humfrey, Esq. (that he and his family having left the parish), the half of the seat No. 5 in said church appointed by vestry to his use, might now be otherwise disposed of."

1786. "17th April. Mr. Mathew Weld and Mr. John Payne were appointed church wardens."

* The vestry meetings appear to have been held regularly, but I have omitted those years when nothing of interest occurred.—ED.

+ Richard Mercer, Esq., lived at The Lodge, now called Eastwood.

1788. " March 24. Richard Weld, Esq., and Mr. John Smyth appointed church wardens.

" Resolved, that 16s. 3d. be raised on the union at large and paid to Elizabeth Paine for providing sacramental bread and wine and washing the church surplice." [Peter Mosse's last signature is 7th April, 1788.]

1789. " Easter Tuesday, April. £2 to be raised and paid."

Church plate—

Paten—Silver; engraved, " Parish of St. Mary, Dunleckney, 1776." Thos. Gurly and Matw. Humfrey, Esqrs., church wardens. Hallmarks [M W], (harp and crown), and a letter (indistinct), near the edge; "3 : 18." This paten is about 5½ inches in diameter.

Chalice—The chalice is engraved in like manner; its weight is 12 oz. 6 dwt. Hall-mark indistinct, but Irish; height, about 9½ inches.

Besides the above, there are some plated vessels and collecting-plates belonging to this parish—1 flagon, 1 paten, and 2 collecting-plates.

(*To be continued,*)

VISITATION OF LEIGHLIN, 17 MARCH, 1733.

Gul. Crosse	...	...	...	Decan.
Gul. Nesbitt	...	...	...	Pr. Centr.
Jacobus Borrowes	...	...	...	Cancell.
Alexander Bradford	...	...	...	Treasaur
Guls. Curtis	...	...	...	Archidiacon
Robert Elliott, S.T.D.	...	...	...	Prb. Tullomagymah
Barthol. Vigors	...	...	...	Pb. Tecolme
Thos. Barton	...	...	...	Pb. Aghold
Nichos. Milley	...	...	...	Pb. Ullard

Jacobus Higgins	...	...	Rect. d. Timogue
Robert Mossom, J.U.D.	...	...	Rect. Clonenagh
Julius Dawson	...	...	Rect. & Vic. de Dysart Gallen
Musschamp Vesey	...	...	Vic. Clonkeen
Thos. ffox	...	...	Rect. et Vic. Tullophelim
Julius Robinson	...	...	Rect. de Rathvilly
Julius Thomas	...	...	Vic. St. Kill
Vic. of St. Mullins	...	...	Vacant
Carlus Harrup	...	...	Vic. Lorum
Armstrong Ryves	...	...	Rect. Urglin
Johnes Piggott	...	...	Vic. Dysart Enos
Richd. Grantham	...	...	Rect. et Vic. Catherlogh
George Crump	...	...	" " Slatey
Michael Melson	...	...	Rect. Clonmulshe
Carol Alley	...	...	Vic. Ffenniah
Samuel Thresher	...	...	R. et Vic. Myshall
Jabus Tasker	...	...	Rect. Kilclonbroock

Fran Loyde	...	...	...	Rect. Tullomoy
Johns. Orr	...	...	...	Rect. Corclone
Julius Davis	...	...	...	Rect. Hacketstowne
Barthol. Vigors	...	...	...	Cur. Ballynecarrigg
Julius McCauslan	...	...	...	Cur. Ballyadams
Johnes Hunt	...	...	...	„ Dysert Enos
Fran. Thomas	...	...	...	„ Graige
George Cook	...	...	...	„ Clonenah
Carol Villett	...	...	...	P'dicator Gallican d. Catherlogh
Edward Langford	...	...	...	Cur. d. ffennah
Daniel Barrett	...	...	...	Cur. d. Ballyrone
David Price	...	...	...	Cur. d. Killeban

Tullocry Rect.

Elizth. Carpenter, widow, sub firm.
Agha Rec. imp. cum Vic., Arthur Weldon. Ar. firm Rect.
Nichol Milley, Vic.; Carol Harrup, Cur.
Sleguffe Rect., Elizth. Carpenter, sub firm.
Carol Hairrup, Vic.
Powerstown Rect. cum Vic.
Idm. Thomas, Rect. et Vic.
Francis Thomas, Cur.
Julius Gore, Arm Guard.
Dunleckney, Rect. Imp. cum Vic. Lorum.
Nichol Milley, Vic.; Carol Harrup, Cur.
Nurney, Michael Nelson, Cur.
Clonmulsh, Michael Nelson, Rect.
Catherlogh, Rect. cum Vic.
Richard Grantham, Rec. et Vic.
Philip Barnard, Arm Guard.
Urglin, Richard Vicars, Gen., Guard.
Killerick, Rect. improp. un ad Urglin.
Bunbury Henry, Ar. sub firm.
Ballinacarrigg, Rect. spect. ad Eccles. Cath.
Robert Elliott, Cur. S.T.D.
Barth. Vigors,* Cur. Asst.
Tullomagynah R. } Idm. Elliott, Rect. e.
Ballycroghe R. } Vic. Idm. Vigors
Kellystowne R. } Cur.
Fennah,
Michl. Mills, Preb.
Carol Alley, Vic.; Edwad. Langford, Cur.
Barrah, Alex. Bradford, Cur. sub firm.
Carol Alley, Vic.; Edward Langford, Cur.

* Afterwards Dean of Leighlin.

Clonenagh, Rect. cum Vic.

Robert Mossom, J.U.D., R. & V.; George Cooke, Cur.

Rathasbuck, Rec. cum Vic.

Gul. Curtis, Rec. et Vic.; ffrancis Loyde, Cur.*

Parish of Carlow.

The following are copies of inscriptions on tombstones in the churchyard surrounding the parish church—continued from page 71.

In a neglected corner of the churchyard lies a flat tombstone, with the following inscription :—

“ HIC SITUS EST
 BENIAMINUS DAILLON GALLUS BRITANU
 GENEROSA FAMILIA ORTUS
 ECCLESIE REFORMATÆ PRESBYTER ERUDITUS
 DIU OB RELIGIONEM INCARCERATUS
 ET DEMUM RELEGATUS
 QUI POST LXXIX ANNOS.
 STUDIO PIETATE ET LABORE EVANGELICO
 MAGNA EX PARTE DIMENSOS
 QUATRIDUO POST OBITUM
 PAULINÆ UXORIS HIC INHUMATÆ
 ANIMAM PURAM EXHALAVIT.
 ACCIPE DOCTE CINIS MUSARUM PIGNUS AMORIS
 ACCIPE SI FAMAM MORTE PERIRE VETENT
 SI CHRISTI CASTRIS PUGNANS CAPTIVUS & EXUL
 URBEM HANC FVNERIBUS CONDECORARE VELIT
 CUR TEGERENTUR HUMO SIMUL OMNIA & IN
 CLYTA VIRTUS
 ET GENUS AC ARTES & PIETATIS HONOS ?
 IMMEMOR URBS FUERIT TAMEN HAUD MARCES-
 CET OLYMPO
 CLAMABITQUE LAPIS VIVET HIC ARTE MEA
 OBIIT ILLE VIR JAN iii ANO DOM
 M D C C I X.”

The stone on which the above is cut is on the left of the entrance gate, close to the east wall of the churchyard; it is overgrown with grass, ivy, and clay; it well deserves to have a little care bestowed upon it. Nor is this the only stone in this burial-ground which calls for the churchwardens' attention. On three occasions on which I lately visited this burial-ground, I found broken bottles, old tin vessels, boots, old clothes, slates, window-glass, old iron of all sorts, &c., strewed about within it.

* The above is the only Visitation of the Diocese of Leighlin in Marsh's Library. I think there are other Visitation returns in the Public Record Office.—Ed.

Translation of inscription on the tombstone of the Rev. BENJAMIN DAILLON, in Carlow churchyard :—

“ From France expelled, a martyr to the Faith,
 DE DAILLON rests this humble stone beneath.
 Nor birth, nor learning, nor could merit save
 The staunch old Huguenot an exile's grave.
 For conscience' sake imprisonment he bore,
 With torturing oft, and tempting o'er and o'er;
 Till stripped of all, save honour, in the toil
 He found his freedom in more generous soil.
 And here retired at life's eventful close,
 Soothed by PAULINE—the partner of his woes—
 The loved, fond sharer of his hopes and bliss—
 Death parts them not—this tomb is hers and his !

Shades of the good, the pious, and the just
 Accept this tribute to his cherished dust,
 If votive tablets may bespeak renown
 Or saintly relics consecrate a town !
 Why should the grave obliterate all trace
 Of Honour, Valour, Sanctity, and Grace ?
 Through the frail tokens we would raise decay,
His spirit glows in Everlasting Day.”

R. M., 1891.

[I am much indebted to Robert Malcomson, Esq., of Carlow, for the above elegant lines; and I hope in my next Report to be able to say that the tombstone of this poor foreigner, whose dust rests in our soil, after an eventful life of near fourscore years, has been restored and repaired.

For further information respecting Daillon, the reader is referred to Mr. R. Malcomson's “Carlow Vestries in the Olden Time,” and to Sergt. Michael Brophy's letters in the *Carlow Nationalist*, 1891.—ED.]

WILLIAM VASS, of Carlow, 1832, &c., &c.

SAMUEL GALE, 1854, aged 45 years.

MR. WILLIAM DALE, February, 1740, aged 63 years,
 and 3 of his children.

[A flat stone.]

MARGARY LALASS ALS ALCOCK, Feby 1740, aged 52.

JANE SH 1783, aged 24.

[Next this is a stone broken and illegible.]

HENRY DEACON, May, 1833, aged 50, &c., &c. [A flat stone.]

ROBERT CARTER, Esqre., of Carlow, died March 22, 1812,
 aged 62. also GRACE ANNE his wife, . . . 1829, aged 66.

JOHN COLLIS CARTER, M.D., their son.

SAMUEL RICHARD CARTER, M.D., Esq., of Castledermot,
 (and others of the family are named).

Ryan, writing in 1833, gives the following as the inscription on the Bunbury tomb:—

IN : HOPES : OF : A : BLESSED : RESURRECTION :
 HERE : LYETH : THE : BODIES : OF : BENJAMIN :
 BUNBURY : THE : FATHER : AND : BENJAMIN :
 BUNBURY : THE : SON : BOTH : OF : KILLERIG :
 ESQRS ; THE : FORMER : DEPARTED : THIS : LIFE :
 APRIL : YE : 4TH 1707 : AGED : 44 : YEARS :
 THE : LATTER : JANY : YE : 3. : 1715-16 : AGED : 39 *

Erected by Mrs. MARGARET STAFFORD (?), in memory of
 her Father, Mr. EDWARD BEERE (?) Jany 1774 (?),
 another died in 1781. [This stone is broken.]

SAMUEL CORBETT, and others.

ROBERT KNAGGS, Esqr., late of Archerstown, County Tipperary
 (Excise Officer), 1820, &c., &c.

HENRY MATTHEWS, 1833, and others.

MARTHA, wife of JOHN FOSTER, Esqre. Asst-Surgeon
 3rd (?) Dn. Gds., August, 1821 (?). [An altar tomb.]

ANNE BROWNE, only daughter of ROBERT BROWNE, Esq.,
 of Browne's Hill, County Carlow, died 26 September,
 1796, aged 20—also

WILLIAM BROWNE, of Browne's Hill, Esqre., died May
 28th, 1773, aged 88 years.

ROBERT BROWNE, Esqre., son of the above WILLIAM BROWNE,
 died 2 Feby 1816, aged 87 years.

ELEANOR, relict of ROBERT BROWNE, died 10 August, 1819,
 aged 69 years.

LADY CHARLOTTE BROWNE, died 15 June, 1806, aged 36 years.

WILLIAM BROWNE, Esqre., died 1st April, 1840, aged 77 years.
 [A flat stone.]

MAJOR EDWARD HARMAN POPE, late Captain in (the)
 27 Regiment of Foot—July, 1818, aged 59 years.

JOHNSONS, of Plumperstown House, County Kildare, 1852, &c.

WILLIAM AERAY (?) and ELIZABETH, October, 1794 & 1798.

* This is a flat stone on the ground, and much broken and needing repair. As I believe some of the descendants of this family still live in the county, I wish to bring the state of this tombstone under their notice.—ED.

JAMES HERRING, Esqre., died July, 1800, aged 85.

ANNE HERRING, wife of the above, died 21 May, 1805, aged 67 ;
also ARABELLA HERRING, aged 4.

FITZMAURICE COOPER HERRING, aged 24.

DARBY HERRING, Esqre., died 15 April, 1796, aged 65.

Mrs. HERMINA HERRING, his wife, died 13 July, 1816, aged 65.
[Mural monument on left of entrance-gate.]

JAMES SMYTH, Esqr. (and others), 1837.

HARMAN HERRING COOPER, Esqre., of Shrude Castle, Queen's
County, late Major Carlow Regiment of Militia, died 25th
December, 1851.

JAMES HERRING, Esqre., late Captain City of Dublin Regiment
of Militia—Novr., 1811, aged 37 (?) years.

[A flat stone.]

JOHN FITZMAURICE, Esq., of this town, 20 Jany 1840,
aged 71 years.

REV'D. JOSEPH JAMESON, died April 27th, 1848, aged 65,
(also others of the family).

[See account of the east window.]

PROCTORS, 1826, &c., &c.

RICHARD and MATHEW HENDERSON.

[No date.]

MARY REDMOND, alias WATERS, 17—

[Stone buried in the ground.]

WILLIAM [A flat stone, partly under ground.]

ADAM JACKSON, of Graigue, Queen's County, 1858.

CHARLES WARNER, Esqre., of Carlow, died April 7th, 1827,
aged 80. [A flat stone.]

WILLIAM GODFREY GREENE, Esq., son of JOHN and ELIZA
GREENE, died May, 1823.

Also,

JOHN GREENE, Esq., Septr., 1840, in the 43 year of his age.
[A flat stone.]

WILLIAM MORRIS, 1754, aged 50.

MARGARET WRIGHT, &c., &c., 1833.

CATHERINE FAIRCLOTH—1770, aged 52.

&c., &c., &c. [An upright stone.]

JANE, widow of CAPTAIN CARRUTHERS, of the 43 Light
Infantry, 13 February, 1853, aged 83. [A flat stone.]

JOHN RALPH 3 day [Date, &c., gone; stone broken]
aged 21 years.

HOGANS—(several, 1849-1882, &c.).

CHARLES LAHEE, March, 1799, aged 66 years.

Also,

Mrs. MARGARET LAHEE alias VAUGHAN, wife to Mr. JOHN
LAHEE, June 12, 1825. Also,

Mrs. MARY ANNE LAHEE als. RUDKIN, wife of CHARLES
VAUGHAN LAHEE, who deed Nov. 25th, 1836 (?),
aged 36 years. [A flat stone.]

ESTHER RANDALL, wife of ROBERT RANDALL, died Decr.
1847, aged 68. [An upright stone.]

MARTHA WHITMORE, June, 1846, aged 63 years. [A flat stone.]

JOSEPH and DINAH FISHBOURNE, 1876.

JAMES DARLINGTON, 1862.

JAMES BRIEN, 1848, aged 38 years. [A flat stone.]

ELIZTH. BOARDMAN, 1849.

— Gwynne, late Quarter-Master Sergeant
Louth Regt. of Militia, 1808. [An upright stone.]

JAMES LAHEY, 1749, aged 50 years. [See above.]

SAMUEL COOPER, late of Carlow, 1718, aged 44.

HENRY FISHER, 1718, aged 21.

MARY RAVELL, als COOPER, 173- (?), aged 37, and 5 of
her children.

Mr. RICHARD DAVIES, January, 1849, aged 87 years.
[A flat stone.]

THOMAS PALMER, Esq., of Kilballisken (?), King's County,
1835, aged 76. [A flat stone.]

On the south wall of the church is cut—

“ ANN WORRALL, Daur. of Qr. Mastr. ION. WORRALL, 1740.”

“ J. POPE, 1747.”

(To be continued.)

There are twelve mural monuments in Carlow Parish Church; no floor slabs, nor memorial windows, except the east one.

The font is of fine Caen (?) stone, octagonal; on the base is inscribed—

“ Presented by Robert Malcolmson, October 10, 1865.”

It is about 22 inches in diameter, and stands in the centre aisle, near the west door.

The east window (partly stained glass) was

“Erected to the memory of the Rev. Jos. JAMESON, A.M., Rector of Carlow, by his parishioners and friends | in testimony of their respect and esteem. | For a period of 40 years he fulfilled his ministerial duties | in this parish with faithfulness and zeal, and | rested from his labours

the xxviith of April, MDCCXLVIII., aged LXV. years.”

The family arms are in the top of the window, with crest and motto. There is an inscription on his tombstone in this churchyard. (See p. 142.)

MONUMENTS IN THE CHURCH.

At the side of the communion-table, on white marble, with figures well sculptured by Kirk, is the following inscription :—

“This small tribute of respect and affection to departed excellence and worth, is erected to the memory of JANE, the beloved wife of the Rev. GEORGE VERNON, Rector of Carlow, and only daughter of the Venerable THOMAS KINGSBURY, Archdeacon of Killala, by her afflicted husband.

“This meekly devout, enlightened Christian, died in the prime of life, and her character was a rare combination of every gift, with every perfection. With talents far beyond those given to the generality of persons, she never sought any display of them. With a deep knowledge of literature, she preferred above all that knowledge which maketh wise unto salvation.

“Though silent and reserved amidst company, and rather desirous of avoiding it, she was ever accessible to the poor and distressed, and always studying how to relieve their necessities and wants.

“She excelled in sculpture, painting, and acquaintance with the learned languages, but far more so in the exemplary discharge of duty in every relation of life : as a loving and dutiful daughter, a tender and affectionate mother, a most devoted and fondly-attached wife. Her death was universally lamented, for in her, Society lost an ornament, her parents their pride, her husband his more than companion, his guide, his example, and friend ; the poor of this town, an active and zealous benefactress, and its youth a pious and Christian instructress. Trusting for salvation alone in the merits of her Saviour, she resigned her soul into the hands of God who gave it, on the 4th day of December, 1827, and 29 year of her age.”*

* This inscription will be found in Ryan's “Carlow,” p. 332.—ED.

“ Spotless without and innocent within,
 She fear’d no danger, for she knew no sin ;
 So unaffected, so compos’d a mind,
 So firm, yet soft, so strong, yet so refin’d,
 Heaven, as its purest gold, with suff’rings tried ;
 The saints sustain’d it, but the woman Died.”

“ In the adjoining tomb, | with the mortal Remains of their now
 Sainted Mother, | The above-named JANE VERNON, | are
 deposited the ashes | of JOSEPH, THOMAS, and JOSEPHINE
 EMILY, | her infant offspring, | whose immortal spirits winged
 their flight to Glory, | The former Fourteen months before,
 the latter ten months after, the removal from this transitory
 world | of their ever-to-be-lamented Parent.

Chew ! Chew !!”

[White marble—figures, &c., carved ; T. Kirk, fecit.]

“ Sacred | to the memory of | Brevet-Major George Ogle
 Moore, | 82nd Regiment | (Prince of Wales’s Volunteers), |
 who, in the prime of life, after 21 years’ service, | died of
 cholera, at Devonport, | on the 9th day of August, 1849. |
 This Tablet is erected by his Brother Officers, |
 as a record of their respect and esteem.”

Moore arms underneath—a Blackamoor’s head in a crown, 3 estoiles gu.
 on a chief or indented base. Motto—“ Fortis cadere, cedere non potest.”

[White marble, in Bath stone.]

“ Sacred | to the memory of | WILLIAM BROWNE, Esqre.,
 of Browne’s Hill, in the County of Carlow, | a
 Magistrate, and Custos Rotulorum of said County, |
 born 3rd January, 1763, died 1st April, 1840, | aged
 77 years, | and of the Lady CHARLOTTE his wife, |
 daughter of JOSEPH DEANE, Earl of Mayo,
 Archbishop of Tuam, | born 15th November,
 1769, died 15th June, 1806, aged 37 years. |

“ Also to the memory of ROBERT BROWNE, Esqre.
 (father of the aforesaid WILLIAM), who died 27th
 January, 1816, aged 83 years, and of | ELEANOR
 his wife | (daughter of REDMOND MORRES, Esq., | many
 years representative in Parliament | of the City of
 Dublin), | who died 9th July, 1819, aged 69 years. |

“ Also to the memory of | the Lady LETITIA
 BROWNE, | daughter of JOHN, first Earl of Norbury, |
 and second wife of the aforesaid WILLIAM BROWNE, Esq.,
 who died 20th March, 1847, aged 66 years.”

“TO THE MEMORY OF |
 CHAS. FITZROY STANHOPE VIGORS, ESQRE., |
 LATE OF THE 87TH ROYAL IRISH FUSILIERS,
 WHO DIED 10TH APRIL, 1844, | AGED 33 YEARS. |
 FIFTH SON OF N. A. VIGORS, OF | OLD LEIGHLIN
 AND ERINDALE, ESQ., AND | MARY JANE HIS
 WIFE, DAUGHTER OF | THE LATE CAPTAIN BROWN,
 13TH LIGHT DRAGOONS, AND THE HONBL. MRS.
 BROWN.”*

[Vigors arms underneath, with crest and motto.
 White marble on black back.]

Next it—

“THE CARLOW YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,
 ASSISTED BY SOME FRIENDS, HAVE ERECTED THIS TABLET
 TO THE MEMORY OF EDMUND TROUTON, A.B., CURATE
 OF THIS PARISH FOR TWO YEARS, AND FOUNDER OF
 THE SOCIETY. A FAITHFUL FRIEND, AN EARNEST AND
 LOVING PASTOR, HIS ANXIOUS DESIRE WAS TO WIN
 SOULS TO CHRIST, AND THE LORD BLESSED HIM IN
 HIS WORK. MANY HEARD THE WORD OF LIFE,
 AND, BELIEVING, LIVED.
 HE FELL ASLEEP IN JESUS JUNE 9TH, 1859,
 AGED 28 YEARS.”

[White marble on black back.]

On the wall of the southern gallery—

“Sacred | to the memory of | Lieutenant Thos.
 EUSTACE, late of the 35th Regiment, | who departed this
 life on the 9th June, 1819. | This stone was erected
 by his Brother Officers | as a mark of their esteem for
 his person, and their regret for his loss.”

[Oval, on coloured marble and black ground.]

“Erected by the County Carlow Knot | of the Ancient
 and most Benevolent Order | of Friendly Brothers of
 Saint Patrick | to the memory of | ROBERT MOORE f.
 FISBOURNE, Esqr., | of Hollymount, in the Queen's County, |
 as a mark of their brotherly respect | for his memory, |
 and regret at the loss experienced by the Society |
 in his lamented death. | Obiit Feb. 16, 1826.”

[Under it is a crest (a dog), arms, and motto—“Quis
 Separabit,” and supporters (two dolphins).]

* He was killed by his horse falling on him in the All-Ireland Military Steeplechase,
 Moor-of-Meath.

“ Sacred to the memory of | JOHN CAULFIELD HUMFREY, |
of Killerig, in the Co. of Carlow, Esq., | who died of
consumption, at Kingstown, | on the 23rd of August, 1833, |
in the 23rd year of his age. |

“ This monument is erected | to his beloved
memory by his widow, | THEODOSIA HUMFREY, | as a
tribute of tender affection and regret.

“ Also in memory of | SARAH WETHERALL and
THEODOSIA ROSA, | infant daughters of the above, who died, |
the former on the 24th of September, 1833, | aged 14 months, |
the latter on the 14th of June, same year, | aged 12 days.”

[Then follow four lines of poetry.]

“ Also in memory of JOHN HUMFREY, of Dublin, Esq.,
who died beloved and regretted by all.”

[Underneath are the family arms, crest, and motto—“ Sic Olim.”]

[Crest, arms, and motto ; under them, a bust in profile, &c.]

“ This monument was erected by | THOS. GURLY, Esqre., |
as an affectionate Tribute to the Memory of his Brother, |
BAGNEL GURLY, Esqre., | and to Commemorate his
many Virtues. | His Friends and acquaintances
Lament the irreparable Loss | of his Sincere and
warm Friendship, | Agreeable and Instructive
Conversation, | polite and Cheerful Manners, |
Liberal yet prudent Hospitality, and | every
Social Virtue that sweetens and adorns private Life. |

“ He died on the 25th day of February, 1796, |
in the 25th Year of his Age. | ”

Motto—“ If you like me, use me.”

[White marble.]

Parish of Lorum.

(Continued from page 69.)

In February, 1890, a beautiful stained glass east window was put up in Lorum Church by the Hon. Mrs. Stopford, and her sister, Mrs. Eckersall, the two surviving daughters of the Rev. Edward Nixon and his wife, sister of the late Rev. J. G. Wynne, who for 28 years was rector of the parish,—from 1826 to 1854. The window is executed in rich grisaille, the work of Messrs. Heaton, Butler, and Bayne, of Covent Garden, London. It consists of three lancet lights, the left-hand light shows on a richly-coloured medallion of vine leaves and grapes, the text: “In my Father’s house are many mansions”; the centre light is adorned by a beautiful figure of our Saviour, whose right hand points upwards to the words, “I go to prepare a place for you.” On the right-hand light there

is a medallion similar to that on the left, with the words, "Where I am there ye may be also."

So much has been done in the restoration and improvement of this church by voluntary gifts and presentations, that it has become what may well be called "a Memorial Church."

The lofty spire, which can be seen for many miles round, is a memorial to the Rev. J. G. Wynne, by his widow and children. The organ, the pulpit, and reading-desk, as well as the communion rails, are all memorials to those who were connected with the parish.

Only quite recently a very lovely memorial has been put up to the memory of the late Rev. G. F. Armstrong (who was rector of this parish from 1865 to 1873) by his widow and children. It is a carved wall-screen, behind the communion-table, of Gothic design, in Caen stone and coloured marble; it consists of three arches, at each side, of a shield, on which are engraven the words, "Draw nigh to God." It gives a beautiful finish to the chancel.

The pulpit is of stone, richly carved; it was given by Mrs. Nixon, in memory of her daughter, Mrs. de Cerjat.

The reading-desk (also stone) was the gift of Mrs. Eckersall, in memory of her sister, Miss Lucy Nixon.

The communion-rails, of Caen stone, with marble shafts and top rail—all in keeping with the pulpit and desk—were presented by the tenants and friends of the late D. W. Pack-Beresford, Esq., in his memory.

The brass lectern was given by the late F. R. Malcomson, Esq., of Kilgreany.

The granite font was the gift of the late Very Rev. W. Smyth King, Dean of Leighlin, when rector of this parish.

The organ was presented by the late Mrs. Wynne, of Corres.

Parish of Carlow.

"THE GRAVES."

Dr. Comerford, Coadjutor Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, in vol. iii. of his "Collections" relating to these dioceses, at page 47, speaks very briefly of the burial-ground at Carlow, called "The Graves," on the north side of the town.

"The late Doctor Doyle, of Carlow, erected a monument here to the memory of Dr. Keeffe, who was bishop of the united dioceses, and died in 1787, and was here buried at his own request.

The following is a copy of the inscription :—

"H.S.E. Jacobus Lucæ F. O'Keeffe, qui
Pontificat. Dariens et Legliens. Sanctissi-
me gessit Ann XXXVI, et præter alia
multa in religionem meritæ Scholas
Calovienses juventuti ad Sacerdotium
educandæ, una D.O.M. ope fretus
constituit. Decessit in pace A.D. VI.
Kal. sextil A. MDCCLXXXVII., V.A. plus,

minus XC. Titulum diu prætermissum,
ne tanti sui antecess, memoria
intercederit Jacobus F. Doyle Pont.,
Dariens et Legiln adjecit A. MDCCXXI.”

“The inscription which next claims attention (writes Dr. Comerford) is that which marks the grave of the Very Rev. N. Gernon, P.P. of Carlow, and Dean of Leighlin.” It is as follows :—

“Rev. DÉAN GERNON deceased
March ye 4th 1787 aged 80 years.
Parish Priest of Carlow and Killeshin, 36 years.
“Stay child, be thine the tribute of a tear,
The pastor and the friend lies buried here ;
He's gone ! nor seek his merits to disclose,
For on the wings of Hope they now repose,
From thee one sigh his manes to attend,
He was the honest, and the generous friend.
No more, but let this tomb, this sculptured bust
Declare,—alas ! here lies poor Gernon's dust.
Say, calm he slumbers in your deep retreat,
Immured from envy, and oppressive fate.
Aspiring fame, insidious world, adieu—
Peace here is found, anxiety with you.”

Dr. Comerford also gives the following :—

“Here lies the body of Ellen Keagan
alias Dormer,* wife to Thomas Keagan of
Graigue, and daughter to William Dormer
of Ross, who departed this life the 13th day
of August, 1708.
Cherished the needy alwayes, with plenty blest,
And may her soul enjoy eternal rest. Amen.

. . . . alias Sherloc, his wife
with five of their children, he died the 16th
March, 1718, shee died the 6th of September 1691.
Also his grandchildren by Margaret Carroll
alias Warren.”

I.H.S.

“Sacred to the memory of Catherine Macartney,
alias Coffey, the most beloved wife of Thomas
Macartney, of Archers Grove, in the County of
Kilkenny, Esq., who died 5th February 1814
aged 50 years, the Lord have mercy on her Soul. Amen.

* For Dormers, see list of Free Burgesses, &c., of New Ross, County Wexford, printed in *Journal of Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland* for 1890, page 312.

“Here lies enshrined beneath this sacred tomb,
 By heaven foreboded as her final doom,
 A mother kind, a wife sincere was she,
 As Daphnis mourned even by every tree.
 When Death’s dread dart had pierced her mortal frame,
 Her Godlike spirit left this dreary vale ;
 Her soul was wafted to the joyous plains,
 Where sweetest harmony forever reigns.”

(To be continued.)

Parish of Pains town.

In the demesne of Oak Park (the Right Hon. H. Bruen), near his farm-yard, under a group of old trees, are the remains of an old burial-ground on a knoll, with the ruins of a small church (?) near the centre.

Within the burial-ground I find the following :—

“John Fitzgerald died March 21st 1861
 aged 58 years, and his sister Mary
 Ledder who died 4 April 1873 aged
 54. &c. &c.

[This is an upright stone outside the E. end of the ruin.]

Next it is an upright stone—

“EDWARD WALL’S* BURIAL PLACE
 1727 HERE LYES 2 OF HIS CHILDREN.”

There is a large flat stone, turned upside down, which I was unable to read. It may be that of Ulick or Patrick Wall mentioned by Mr. R. Malcomson, and above referred to.

I find that Ulick Wall was High Sheriff of the County Carlow in 1611, 1623, 1640; and Patrick Wall, in 1690.

“Edward Walle, son and heir and executor of Ulicke Walle, late High Sheriff of County Catherlough, is named in a return dated 29 July, 1641.

“12 Feb., 1680, grants of land under the Act of Settlement, name the Castle of Ballynaekill, &c., part of Pollardstown, 188 acres; part of Temple-peter, 66 acres; part of Moyshell, 219 acres, &c., to Patrick Wall, Esq., son and heir of Ulick Wall, deceased, and grandson of Edward,” &c.—(Ryan’s “Carlow,” p 200).

I.H.S.

Here lyeth ye Body of
 MAURICE LENNON of Bestville, who
 depd. this life Feby. ye 12th, 1743, aged 68 years

* Mr. R. Malcomson informs me that some years since he saw in this old burial-ground a tombstone to the memory of a —— WALL. I failed to discover it, on my visit.—ED.

Here lyeth ye body of MARGARET LENNON
who departed this life June 15. 1743 aged
17 years, also her sister ELIZABETH.

&c. &c. &c.

[The rest of the inscription is under ground.]

PETER MYLER died 19th Feb. 1769, aged
14 (?) years &c. &c. &c.

A.
O'CALLAY [sic] HN [sic] ALs PVRCELL
WHO DEPD YE 3RD DAY OF MARCH
1731 AGED 33 YEARS

A flat broken stone in the grounds is erected by John Smith to his son
Patrick, 1781. [Broken.]

MICHAEL NOLAN of Rathnapiish
died 20 Decr. 1843 aged 57, his wife
DORAH died 7 Augt. 1833 aged 34.

&c. &c. &c. [An upright stone.]

RICHARD CULLEN died Novr. 1756.
MARGARET his wife died 10 Decr. 1797.

ENGLISH. [I could not read this stone.]

[There were two others so overgrown with moss, &c., that although
the inscriptions appeared to be in good order, I could not read them in
their present state.]

Erected by EDWARD HENEY, to JAMES
HENEY, his Father, who depd. this life
August 25 1765, aged 63 years.

[An upright stone.]

EDWARD HEANY, May 1784.

[An upright stone.]

LAURENCE BERGAN who lived 40 years
in this family,* during which time he
[stone broken] was (?) an honest faithful
servant, Deceased Deer. 26 A.D.
1742 aged 74.

Requiescat in Pace.

* Probably the Cookes.

Within the walls of the ruin are two monuments, both of which have fallen about and are in a bad state. They are worth preserving.

The one on the south side bears a crest and coat-of-arms in a good state of preservation. The crest is an ostrich holding a snake in his bill.

"HERE LYES YE BODY OF MRS ANNE COOKE
ALS BUTLER YE WIFE OF WILLM COOKE
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE YE 20 DAY OF
JANY 1710 IN YE 47 YEARE OF HER
AGE."

HERE LYES THE BODY OF WILLIAM
COOKE ESQ^{RE} WHO DEPD THIS LIFE YE 20
DAY OF MAY 1722 IN YE 77 YEARE
OF HIS AGE.

THOMAS COOKE ESQ^{RE} WHO DEPD
THIS LIFE 9TH MAY 1761 IN YE 78
YEAR OF HIS AGE."

[This stone is broken across.]

Next it is a fine black marble slab built as an altar-tomb, but in a bad state of repair, and broken across the bottom.

Tullow.

I have received the following information from a correspondent who has given me much information and support, and who is doing his best to advance the work I am striving to carry out, and to rescue from destruction what are still left of our monumental remains:—

"I am informed that some short time since the attention of a Tullow butcher was called by one of his customers to the fact, that a large flag inserted in the paving of his yard was a tombstone that had been removed from one of the Tullow churchyards. I am further informed that when his attention was called to the matter, the butcher very properly had the stone returned to the place from which, there was reason to believe, it had been removed."

C O U N T Y C A V A N .

Parish of Belturbet.

The Rev. W. Reynell has kindly contributed the following copies of inscriptions from the church of this parish:—

" Sacred to the Memory
of Mrs. SARAH WHITE
Relict of THOMAS WHITE Esq.
of Redhills

Who departed this life
on the 17th day of January 175¹
and lieth here interred.

She was daughter of James Napier (*sic*)
of Loughcrew in the County of Meath, Esqr.
who was 2nd son of James Napier, Esqr.
by Anne Petty his wife
sister to Sr William Petty.
Filius Mœrens Posuit."

"Ex Candore Decus.

In the Vault beneath lie the Remains of
FRANCIS WHYTE, Esq., only son of THOMAS WHYTE
of Redhills in this County Esqr. gt. grandson
of FRANCIS WHYTE Chief Secretary of State to
Lord Deputy Grandison, who in Queen
Elizabeth's Reign removed from
Tuddington in Bedfordshire,
The antient seat of his family. No man during the
Course of a long life better deserved the character
which he bore of being one of the most honourable
and independent gentlemen in this county. Dying
unmarried in 1778 he left his Estate to his nephew, only
son of his Sister
Ann, by JOHN WHITE of Rathgonan
in the County of Limerick son of Col
JOHN WHITE by Celena his wife
dau & co. heiress with her sister
Helen Viscountess Kenmare
of Sir Thomas Browne of
Hospital."

" Here lie the Reliques of THOMAS WHYTE, of Redhills, Esq.,
Who in the year 1738 and the 55th of his age
Resigned his Soul to God. Whose main care
and concern in this Life was to conciliate the favour of God and man
by a regular discharge of moral and religious duty
a man of Candour of Soul and benevolence of heart
of simple manners and ingenuous mind,
Sacred to Friendship and to Truth Sincere,
More fond of the Ornament of Virtue and the Native Beauty of Holiness
Than of the Pomp and Grandeur of a vain licentious World
Strictly faithful to the Conjugal Vow.

An affectionate Parent, a humane Neighbour, and a kind Master,
 In respect to whose Memory this Monument is Erected by
 SARAH WHYTE, daughter of the late James Naper of Loughcrew
 Esqr. and Relict of the Deceased, as being the last
 Proof she can give of her tender Regard for
 A Louing Husband."

Parish of Kildallon.

“Here lyeth the body
 of
 The Reverend WILLIAM WARREN
 for thirty years
 Incumbent of this Parish
 Who departed this Life
 In humble hope
 of a joyful Resurrection
 February 23, A.D. 1803
 aged 83 years.”

C O U N T Y C O R K .

Some years since, the following copy of an inscription on a tombstone appeared in the *Kerry Evening Post*. I shall feel much obliged if any of my readers can inform me in what burial-ground it is to be found.

The writer of the notice says he found the extract “in a bundle of old papers”; he thinks it refers to a member of an old family resident near Liscarrol, to the west of Charleville, who had residences at Curriglass and Aughrim. Pierce, he says, is a standing name in the family of Goold :—

**EPITAPH
ON THE LATE REVEREND PIERCE GOOLD.**

“Underneath this stone,
 And at the depth of five feet,
 Lies buried
 An oaken chest of Goold ;
 But reader,
 Lest thy avaricious hopes
 (In expectation of finding mighty riches)
 Should tempt thee to violate
 This sacred depository,

be informed
 That it is not now current,
 The Sovereign's image is worn off,
 And it is reduced to
 Its primitive ore ;
 But a time will come
 When purged from all its dross,
 And free from all mixture of alloy,
 It shall receive a fairer stamp,
 Never to be effaced,
 And shining with superior lustre,
 Shall be admitted
 Eternally to associate
 With the more precious Coins in the Royal Treasury.”

Parish of Churchtown.

In this church there is an oblong stone slab, 2 feet long by 1 foot high, let into the wall at the western entrance, over the door, with the following inscription, rather rudely cut :—

“ G.U. M.F.E.T. SP. S.
 DEO. MAX. ET. OPT
 HIC DOMUS OPATIONIS S. EST
 A.D. 1734.”

G.U. ME FECIT SUIS PROPRIS SUMPTIBUS
 G.U. made me at his own expense
 This house of Prayer is consecrated to God
 Almighty, most Excellent A.D. 1734
 [From Captain T. Grove White, 57th Regt.]

Kilcredan.

“ About three miles east of Castlemartyr is the Church of Kilcredan, in which are two old monuments. That on the south side of the altar has the following inscription :—

“ HIC JACET CORPUS ROBERTI TYNTE MILITIS
 AVRATI, HVJVS PROVINCIAE REGIS CONCILIIS.
 FILII QVINTI EDMUND TYNTE DE WREXHALL
 COMITATV SOMERSETENTI IN ANGLIA ARM-
 IGERI QVI HONOREM SVVM GLADIO ACQVI-
 SIVIT. HANC ECCLESIAM ATQ. MONUMEN-
 TVM FIERI FECIT, DEI OMNIPOTENSIS
 PROVIDENTIA. AN. DOM. 1663.”

“ On this monument is placed the effigy of this Sir Robert Tynte, lying on his back in coat armour, and at his head and feet are two women in a praying posture, all of painted alabaster.”

"On the other side of the communion table is another monument with the following inscription, over which are the effigies of a man and woman in a praying posture :—

"CONDITUR IN HOC MONVMENTO EDWARDVS
HARRISIVS MILES ET REGIS CVRIÆ LOCI
CAPITATIS IN HIBERNIA JVSTICARVS SE-
CVNDVS, ET CVM ILLO ELIZABETHÆ
VXORIS EJVS PRIMÆ CADAVER EST. CON-
TVMVLATVM . ILLE 4TO APRILIS 1636.
ILLA PRIMO JANVARIO 1622 HANC
VITAM DISCESSIT."

"At the west end is a modern tomb for the family of Wallis."

[Smith's "Cork," 1749.]

I am interested to know in what state these tombs now are. Perhaps the rector of the parish, or some neighbouring lady or gentleman, would kindly inform me, as it is so many years since Dr. Smith's time.—ED.

Parish of Brigown—Mitchelstown.

The Rev. Canon C. Moore, in the "Church of Ireland Parish Magazine" for April, 1889, mentions the ruins of a shrine or church of great antiquity, the length of walls still standing being 230 feet, the choir being one-third and the nave two-thirds of this length. The walls are 3 feet in thickness. He says :—"Some years since, the Countess of Kingston had something done to preserve the ruins.

"For several centuries interments have been made within the walls, several of the dates on the gravestones are still very distinct—two in particular are dated 1629 and 1630.

"In the chancel, on the north side, is a tomb with a Latin inscription. It is, unfortunately, so weatherworn, I have only been able to decipher the first half, and that with considerable difficulty. It is as follows :—

"In hoc tumulo jacet Margreta D.D.
Baronissa de Kingston quæ obiit tertio Calendas
Maii anno Domini 1721 atatis suæ 59."

"This inscription (Mr. Moore adds) was evidently not composed by a good Latin scholar."

Close by the south wall of the ruin, is the tombstone of the Rev. Father Dan O'Brien, the inscription on which concludes as follows :—

"Remember, man, as you pass by,
As you are now, so once was I ;
As I am now, so shalt thou be,
Therefore prepare to follow me."

The date is 1778.

A bit of vandalism is also recorded by Mr. Moore, of a former rector, who, in 1807, used the remains of an old round tower that stood near the church, for the walls of his glebe-house! Mr. Moore adds:—

“The loss of this priceless relic of ecclesiastical antiquity to the locality is irremediable.”

Parish of Fanlobbus.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

The following is the inscription on a white marble mural monument in Dunmanway Church, to the memory of Lady Cox.

On top are the crest and arms, and beneath them—

“ In Hope
of
A Joyfull Resurrection
is Deposited The Body
of Mary Lady Cox
The Beloved Wife
of The Honourable
Sir R^d Cox Kn^t & Bar^t
who was successively
Lord Ch. ju. of both Benches
Lord High Chancellor
of Ireland
and Three Times one of the
Lord Justices Generall
& Generall Governors
of that Kingdom
ob: 1^o Junii 1715.”

On comparing this inscription (for which I have to thank J. S. Mason, Esq., of Dunmanway, and the rector, the Rev. George Deacon) with that given in Dr. Smith's “History of Cork,” it will be seen that the latter is very inaccurate in many places.

The next inscription—that to the Rev. John Patrickson—has also been kindly sent me by Mr. Mason:—

“ Here are Deposited y^e Bodyes of
y^e Rev^d John Patrickson A.M.
Chantor of y^e Cathedrals

of Cloyne & Ross Who Dyed
 In y^e 73rd Year of His Age
 8 Feb. 1717 And Of Martha His
 Daughter by Frances Daugh-
 ter of S^r En^t Moore Bar^t
 And of Eliza His 2nd Wife
 Daughter of Col^l Rob^t Phair
 Who Dyed 26th Nov 1717
 And of W^m & Alex^r their Sons
 This M^{on}ument was Erecte^d
 By His Nephew William
 Blair Esq^r Anno
 Dom^o 1722."

The communion plate of this church is inscribed as follows, and is in good preservation :—

On a silver cup—

"The Gift of y^e Right Hon^{ble} S^r Richard Cox Kⁿ and Bar^t
 Lord Cheiff Justice of Ireland, Easter 1714, to
 S^t Mary's Church in Dunmanway."

[“In running-hand, quaint old letters.”]

On the chalice—

"The Gift of the Rev^d Broderick Tuckey, Vicar of this Parish,
 to the Church of St. Mary's, Dunmanway, 1810."

Mrs. S. C. Hall, in writing of the County Cork, about 1840, with reference to the Cathedral of Cork, says:—

"In the churchyard there are few monuments that call for notice ; one tablet, containing two lines, however, hints at a touching story—

"HERE lies a branch of DESMOND'S race
 In Thomas Holland's burial-place."

It appears strange to me that, in a place of the size of the City of Cork, and considering its antiquity and that of its cathedral church, that there should not have been a very large number of monumental stones of interest. Perhaps some of my County Cork friends will kindly send me an account of the *present* state of this burial-ground, and of the monuments and tombstones both within and without the Cathedral. I shall be *much* obliged if they will.

C O U N T Y D O N E G A L.

Parish of Ballyshannon.

KILBARRON CHURCH.

(Continued from page 84.)

On the south wall of the gallery—

To Lydia, wife of the Revd. GEORGE TREDENNICK, M.A.,
 Vicar of this Parish, Daughter of the late Rt. Revd. Wm.
 Magee, D.D., Formerly Archbishop of Dublin,
 Died 9 Augt., 1866, aged 61.

“Her life was hid with Christ in God,” &c.

[Crest and arms underneath.]

Motto—“Fides non Timet.”

The Revd. WALTER RIKY, B.A., who lost his life on his
 passage from Brisbane, by the burning of the “Fiery Star,”
 April 19th, 1865. Also his son WALTER SAML. RIKY,
 aged 18 yrs., killed by falling from aloft in a gale,
 9 Mar., 1875, on bd. “British Nation.”

[Crest, arms, and motto.]

“Haec fructus virtutis.”

On the east wall of the gallery—

THOMAS TROUBRIDGE STUBBS, born April 27, 1803,
 Died April 12, 1872.

[Crest, arms, and motto underneath.]

Next it—

ELIZABETH CHINNERY, widow of the above,
 Born Decr. 2nd, 1812. Died April 15th, 1867.

[Arms, &c., under.]

Next it—

SARAH EMILY, widow of the Revd. WALTER RIKY,
 Born 23 Feby., 1826. Died 21 July, 1883.
 &c. &c. &c.

On the north wall of the gallery—

Sacred to the memory of JOHNSTON TEEVAN,
 who died 24th April, 1872. Erected by his widow.

The above are the only monuments at present in this
 church.

The remains of the old octagonal font, and part of the stone shaft belonging to it, are in the porch of the church, on the floor. The font is about 14 inches across; the edge is about 3 inches in thickness.

The font in use is a miserable, ill-proportioned object, of polished black marble on a tall stem. I wonder that the good taste of the parishioners does not cause the old one to be replaced in the church.

The following inscriptions are in the churchyard:—

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, who died May 10th,
1819, aged 11 (?) years.

WILLIAM THOMPSON, Lowrybane, 1874.

EDWARD FLETCHER, died 1841, aged 35.

MARY A. FLETCHER, his widow, d. 1863, aged 75.

THOMAS THOMPSON, her father, d. 1843, aged 84.

MARY ANNE, his wife, died before him in 1843, aged 33.

ELIZEB. WADE, their dau., died 1863, aged 61.

JOHN WADE, her husband, died in 1868, aged 68.

CHRISTINA, dau. of THOS. THOMPSON, died 1881, aged 70.

[A white marble upright stone.]

THOMAS, 2nd son of ISAIAH OLIVER, of the Co. Monaghan,
born Feb. 24, 1821, died Jany. 14th, 1848.

ANNE BARCLAY, died 25 Jany., 1798, aged 45 years.

JAMES (?) BARCLAY, died Jany., 1796, aged 66 (?) years.

There is another entry below this, but illegible.

These are at the west end of the church.

The next stone is so moss-grown, as to be also illegible.

The next is a flat stone, inscribed—

To the memory of Mrs. PEGGY STARK, wife of Captn.

DAVID STARK, of the Londonderry Militia, who departed
this life the 4th day of Novr., 1793 (?), aged 27 years.

Erected to OLIVIA LAWDER by her brother LANCELOT,
she died the fifteenth of September, 1792, in the
twenty-first year of her age.

[Then follow ten lines of poetry.]

JAMES LOWRY TIGHE, M.R.C.S.E., F.R.C.S.I.,
born in Ballyshannon 26 August, 1793,
after upwards of thirty years military service
abroad and at home, he settled in his native
town as a Retired Surgeon, of the 12 Royal
Lancers, and died on 1st Feby., 1868.

[A white marble monument.]

JAMES ORMSBY WEST died Decr. 25th, 1883,
aged 88 years.

[An upright stone.]

WILLIAM CALDWELL, died 25th June, 1884,
aged 83 years.

JANE Mo [illegible], 19 Oct., 1836 ;
also her husband, JAMES Mo.....,
died 11th January, 1813 (?)

On the south side of the walk—

FRANCIS FORBES,
died 26 Novr., 1801.
JAMES FORBES, Esq., born Oct. 1837.
..... [?] MARCH 13, 1822.
ANNA.

ELIZABETH DICKSON, relict of the late
Robert Dickson, Esqre., of Ballyshannon,
who died 7th day of May, 1806, aged
82 years.

[A flat stone.]

On a stone near it is a crest, &c., a spread eagle (?), with an esquire's
helmet over. Inscription quite illegible.

Near this is a curiously-inscribed stone, with emblems on it, and the
following inscription :—

EDWARD FORBES, Master of Arts, in
both Colleges of Aberdeen and Dublin,
ordained Deacon [by] the Bishop
of LONDON, who dyed August 1711,
in the 26 (?) year of his age.

ANNE REYNOLDS, relict of Captain William Reynolds, and daughter of Colonel Thomas Wood, C.B., of the Bengal Engineers, who departed this life [at] Barryburn, near Derry, on the 18th day of October, 1836, aged 43 years.

[This is a box tomb.]

Here lyeth the body of COYNE REYNOLDS, who departed this life the 24 day of May, 1839, aged 54 years.

ARTHUR J. MANN, born Octr. 1st, 1843, died Decr. 18, 1873. Also ADAH MARION, only child of the above, who died Aug. 29, 1877, aged 6 years.

She was a sister, I am informed, of Lt.-Colonel J. Reynolds, of The Mullins, near Belleek.

There is near the above monument a very old tombstone, to the memory of some of this family, but the lettering is illegible. There was a coat-of-arms on a shield—also illegible.

CAPTAIN KNOX MONTGOMERY, died Oct. 27, 1837, aged 50 years.

RETURNED TO ITS NATIVE EARTH LIETH |
ALL THAT WAS MORTAL OF LIEUT. TAAFFE
MCGAURAN* | LATE OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND
REGT | OF FENCIBLE INFANTRY |
HE FELL IN A DUEL ON THE 2ND |
OF MARCH 1802 IN THE 23 | YEAR
OF HIS AGE.

[Some poetry follows.]

" If the esteem and regard of his brother officers, who have erected this stone to his memory, could assist his soul in its flight to heaven, its ascent must have been rapid and its reception good."

* McGauran was shot by an attorney named George Henderson, owing to a dispute at a theatrical performance. Probably a lady, as usual, was in it.

WILLIAM URQUHART, Esq., late Captain
in the | Royal Essex Regiment | of Infantry
son to the late William Urquhart of | Meldrum Esq., Aberdeen-
shire Scotland died Septr. 29th | 1798,
aged 42 years.

Erected by his widow.
[Poetry under.]

ELIZABETH TEEVAN, died July 12th, 1888, aged 29 years.

[An upright stone.]

MOSES SMYTH, late of Ballyshannon, who died 23rd
January, 1816, aged 60 years.

[A flat stone.]

Erected by Captn. STEPHEN COULSON, Don- |
egal Regt., to the memory of his [friend] and
sister-in-law, Miss MARY HIGGINS, who died
8 day of Decr., 1826, aged 45.

JOHN STODDARD, late Major 45th Regt., died 1st
Jany., 1814 (?) aged 50 years.

Also

THOS. S. ROBBINSON, his grand son, who died 10th
April, 1827, aged 10 months.

On the 16th April, 1802, died JOHN FRANCIS M'LEOD,
an infant son of Lieut. and Quarter-Master M'Leod, of
the Northumberland Regiment of Fencibles.

[An upright stone.]

Mrs. MARY ANNE M'CLOSKEY, wife of Mr. Hugh
M'Closkey, of Ennis, in the County Clare, died
25th Feby., 1828, aged 43 years.

In the N.W. corner of the burial-ground, in an enclosure—

Mrs. FRANCES THOMLEY, wife of James Thomley, of Ballyshannon,
Died 25th of Jany., 1824 aged 52 years.
Also their daughter FRANCES THOMLEY, born 21 Nov.,
1809, died 1st Jany., 1885.

Next it—

Miss ELEANOR THOMLEY, daughter of Captain Thomas
Thomley, who died 24 July, 1826, aged 38 years.
Also ELEANOR MARY THOMLEY, daughter of Mr.
James Thomley, she died 13 April, 1832, aged 24.

Next it is another tombstone to more members of this family, date 1840, &c.

Revd. C. A. STUBBS, Rector of the Parish of CAMUS-JUXTA-BANN, who died in Dublin October 2nd, 1886. Also their daughter EMILY CHINNERY, who died May 1st, 1885.

[This is a white marble upright stone, within an enclosure.]

THOMAS TROUBRIDGE^T STUBBS died April, 1872, &c.

In memory of ANNA, wife of ROBERT CRAWFORD, and daughter of the late Thomas Troubridge Stubbs, born May 31, 1844, died Deer. 11, 1880.

ARTHUR AUSTIN, of Bangor [Co. Down?], died 10th June, 1883, aged 22.

Parish of Donaghmore.

Sacred
To the memory of
MARY HAMILTON LIGHTON,
wife of
The Revnd. Sir John Lighton, Bart.,
who died June 28, 1826,
aged 28 years.
[Shield of arms.]

Sacred to the memory of the Rev. Sir JOHN LIGHTON, Bart., eleven years Rector of this Parish, who followed his beloved wife to the grave, April 5, 1828.

Fenner Churchyard, near Bundoran.

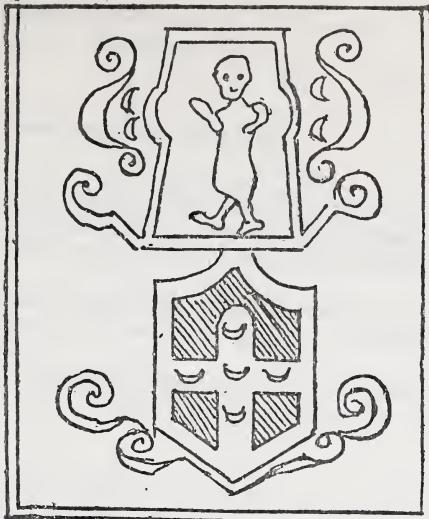
Church in ruins ; all the cut stones gone.

The Revd. JAMES BRANDON,
Curate of this Parish for 35 years,
died 24th Septr., 1826, aged 64 years.
Also his widow,
who died 29th January, 183-, (?) aged 58.
&c. &c. &c.

The above is a flat stone in the south side of the burial-ground, near the boundary wall ; it is in good preservation.

Within the walls, and fixed on the north wall, is an ancient monument with a curiously-carved figure, and under it apparently family arms, difficult to decipher.

The annexed sketch represents it—



HERE LYETH THE BODY OF
THOMAS ELLIS GENTLEMAN
WHO DYED MARCH THE
IX 1696 BEING THE
SIXTY THREE YEAR
OF HIS AGE.

“ Sacred to the memory of
SARAH ELLIS, born October, 1804,
Died 16th September, 1871, aged 67 years.”

Next it is a tombstone inscribed—

“ THOMAS ELLIS, died 12th May, 1882, aged 84 years, &c.”

In memory of ESTHER CHRISTOPHERSON, who died in Bundoran,
August, 1880, aged 72 years.

GIBBON HARRISON, of Bundoran, died 10th April, 1866,
aged 72 years.

MICHAEL DUFFY, died 1840, aged 39.

FRANCES O'CONNOR, died 1846, aged 71.

— O'CONNOR, 1881.

&c. &c. &c.

GORMANS, 1796, 1823, &c.

OWEN CASSIDY, died April, 1797, aged 77.

Also his two sons, ANTHONY, Decr. 1784, aged 22 (?),
and PETER, who died October, 1792, aged 21 (?)

The above is a flat stone, with crest and arms on top.

Crest—An arm and hand holding a sword, with a snake coiled round it (?)

Arms—A chevron, 2 lions rampant in chief and a pig (?) in base.
(See O'Conor and M'Donogh arms.)

FRANCIS KERRIGAN died 18th May, 1831 (?), aged 24.

Also his mother PENELOPE KERRIGAN, alias GORMAN,
died 5th July, 1832, aged 52. Also his father JAMES
KERRIGAN, who died 18 Feby., 1837,
aged 58 years.

PETER M'KENNY, died 26 Septr., 1816.

&c. &c. &c.

WILLIAM MELBY, 1809 ; PATRICK, 1802.

JAMES WARD, — (?)

OWEN ROGAN [date underground.]

JOHN DONGAN, 1812.

— — — — —, (?) 1775.

OWEN CRANAGHAN, 1787.

GILL. MUNDAY, died Jany. 9th 1795, aged 78 years ;
also others of this family.

his wife, NAPPY GILVERY (?) &c.

The frequency of the name Owen appears strange.

There are other tombstones in this burial-ground more or less buried and concealed with earth, grass, nettles, and such like, which I was unable to copy.

An old man in Ballyshannon told me he recollects attending service in this church, and that the sexton was a Roman Catholic, and attended every service regularly.

Parish of Raymochy.

"To Wit. Here lyeth the
Body of the Rev^d Mr. M
oses Davis Rector of Ray
mochy, who died the
30 of January 1712. In
the 52^d year of his age."

Ray Old Church, Co. Donegal,
Manor Cunningham.

[From Rev. W. Reynell.]

Raphoe.

"IO LESLAEVS EPS RAPOT IMVM
[PRIMVM?] POSVIT LAPIDEM 17 MAI 1636
SVPREMVM 19 AVG 1637
TRANSLAT SVÆ 5°"

Old Palace, Raphoe.

C O U N T Y D U B L I N .

Parish of St. Michan.

The following description of the church plate of St. Michan's, Dublin, from the pen of Arthur Vicars, Esq., will be read with interest :—

"(1) Copper gilt repoussé and highly-chased chalice, "The gift of Captain William Proby, sent from Spaine to S. Michan's Church, Dublin." This is Spanish work, and early seventeenth century.

(2) Silver-gilt chalice, hexagonal base—"Exdono Rev. Johis Pooley, Decani Kilkenniensis, Prebendary Sancti Michiani [sic], Dublin, Nov. 18, 1676." This has the hall-mark of Dublin, but no date latter.

(3) A silver-gilt chalice, with hexagonal curved base. The bowl is of the seventeenth century, while the stem and base, which have an engraved crucifix on one of the hexagonal sides, are evidently *circa* 1500.

There is no hall-mark on this chalice, and in any case, if Dublin work, it would have none, for hall-marking in Ireland only began in 1638. This is the one to which I alluded.

People who study old plate fix the period to which pieces belong by the date letter of the hall-mark, and not by the inscriptions. Failing there being any date letter, one must fall back on the style of the design, by which one can fairly well approximate the date to within ten years or so. Such a process is almost as accurate as date letters, especially with regard

to chalices. (See *Journal P. Archaeological Institute*, vol. xlvi., "English Mediæval Chalices and Patens," by W. H. St. John Hope and T. M. Fallow.)

I catalogued the old plate of St. Michan's, as well as most of the old ecclesiastical plate in Ireland, for the Art Loan Exhibition in Kildare-place, in 1886, and so am in a position to speak as to its antiquity.

With regard to the patron saint, Mr. Berry clearly identifies the existence of St. Michan. There would seem to be some doubt as to his Danish origin, Dr. Todd thinking he was an Irishman. Mr. Evans informs me of the fact that the south aisle of St. Michan's Church was dedicated to St. Sythe, which name has rather a Danish ring about it, and would be somewhat in favour of St. Michan being a Dane, and perhaps related to St. Sythe."

Parish of St. Peter, Dublin.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

MEMENTO I.H.S. MORI.

"Here lieth the body of JUSTINE ELIZABETH DE FONTENAY, only child of the Marquis and Marchioness De Fontenay, Born on the 11th day of March, 1787. A Beautiful and Amiable girl. She was forced by Disturbances of France to Emigrate with her Family from her Native land and take Refuge amongst Strangers, who though the (*sic*) cannot repair the Losses sympathise in the sufferings of A Noble but Unfortunate Family.

She died on the 10th day of January, 1797."

The above is on a headstone set in the ground against the wall of the churchyard of St. Peter's. The stone and lettering are still in good condition.

[J. G. Robertson.]

"The remains of BENJAMIN DISRAELL, Esq., which are deposited here. He departed this life on the 9th day of August, in the year 1814, aged 48."

This inscription is to be seen on a flag laid level with the ground in the above churchyard, the letters are much worn.

With reference to the above, the following information connected with this Benjamin Disraeli, may be of interest. I cannot vouch for the truth of it, but tell the tale as 'twas told to me.

He appears as a "Notary Public," living at 105 Grafton-street, Dublin, in 1795, and also in an Almanac for 1810.

He is shown as High Sheriff of the County Carlow in 1810, and is there described as of "Beechy Hill," and is said to have lived at a place called "The Cottage," near what is now known as Beechy Park, on the eastern borders of the County Carlow, near Rathvilly.

He is also described as being a Government Lottery Office Keeper, and Sergeant Michael Brophy (late R.I.C.) informs me that he has a lottery ticket signed ".B: Disraell," and dated 1797.

He founded Rathvilly Endowed School about 1811 (?)

Sergeant Brophy considers him to have been "half uncle to Lord Beaconsfield," but this is by no means certain. Others consider him to have been his half brother, but illegitimate. There is a difficulty in the dates of birth of himself and Lord Beaconsfield, there being a difference of just forty-one years between them, viz., from 1766 to 1805, but it is quite possible that he was born when his father Isaac was only a boy (his mother is said to have been an Irish woman).

Old Isaac Disraell, or Disraeli, in his various spellings, was married (to a Miss Basevi, probably a Jewess) in Brighton, in 17—(?) and had four children. Benjamin Disraell (the Notary) bought an estate in the County Carlow, adjoining Beechy Park. It has since his time changed hands altogether.

The story is, that Ben, of Dublin, being illegitimate, was sent with his mother to Ireland, when Isaac married at Brighton, and that he was given £1,000 to begin life with.

A letter before me says, that early in the present century the late Wm. Hoare Hume, Esq., was commissioned by a neighbour, a Mr. D_____, to purchase a share in a lottery ticket, and that he went for that purpose to Ben. Disraell's office in Dublin, where he also purchased one for himself, and on giving his name, was asked by Disraell if he knew of any property for sale in the County Wicklow, where he could invest his savings, some £30,000 (?) Beechy Park property was named by Mr. Hume, though it was not actually in the County Wicklow, yet was on the very borders of it. Disraell was invited to Humewood, and was driven by Mr. Hume to see the property, which he liked and purchased. When he subsequently visited this estate he was generally the guest of Mr. Hume, and, having never mar-

ried, and not having any relations in Ireland, he made a will, leaving his landed property to Mr. Hume; and legacies, one of £500, to his daughter Isabella, and £1,000 to his daughter Jane [Lady Hartland]; and further sums to other members of Mr. Hume's family. He subsequently revoked the bequest to Mr. Hume, and left his landed property to his assistant in his office, but the other legacies remained unchanged.

The late Lord Beaconsfield, I am told, mentioned much of the above to the gentleman to whom I am indebted for it.

Isaac Disraeli was, I believe, born in 1776, the same year as Benjamin, of Dublin (the notary), see above inscription on the tombstone in St. Peter's churchyard. The question then arises, was he his twin brother, and not his (illegitimate) son? as supposed by some. I hope some of my readers may be able to give me further information on this subject.

“Sacred to the memory of Miss BARBARA DAY
Who departed this life June 22nd 1818 aged 9 years.”

This inscription is also much worn; only about one-half of the original head-stone remains; it is flush with the surface of the graveyard. There have not been any burials in St. Peter's Churchyard for many years. The tombstones are mostly arranged round the walls—some on the ground.

[J. G. R.]

Parish of Clontarf.

In the old churchyard are many tombstones; a large number of them are so covered with ivy and grass, that I was quite unable to read what was on them. This burial-ground is now under the charge of the North Dublin Board of Guardians, I believe. It would be well if some of that body took the trouble to have it attended to and kept in proper order; at present it is anything but what it should be.

The walls of the old church are still standing; inside are several modern tombs on the ground; there are none mural. The following inscription I searched for in vain.

In the old church of Clontarf, near Dublin, were some mural monuments; one of them, a very fine white marble one, bore the following inscription:—

“Near this place is inter’d CHARLES BOURCHIER, Esq., of Northamptonshire. He died the 18th day of May, 1716, in the 52nd year of his age; and Barbara, his wife, eldest daughter of Richard Harrison, Esqr. of Balls, in Hertfordshire, who died the 27th day of Decem^r 1719, in the 51st year of her age. They came into Ireland after the Revolution with the Hon^{ble} Gen^l Villiers, father to the present Earl of Grandison, and Uncle to the aforesaid Barbara. They left two sons and five daughters, viz^t the Hon^{ble} Richard Bourchier, Esq., now Governor of Bombay in the East Indies; the Reverend Edward M. Bourchier, of Hertford; and Mary, Barbara, Catherine, Anna Maria, and Arrabella. Barbara was married to Richd^r. Prittie, Esqr. of Tipperary; Catherine, to William Yarner, Esqr., grandson to Sir Abraham Yarner, Anna Maria, to the Right Hon^{ble} Lord Ward, of Himley, in Staffordshire; Arrabella died unmarried. Their virtues are so well known as to render eulogies unnecessary. Mary, their eldest daughter, erected this monument to their memory.

Anno Domini MDCCCLVIII.”

The church, on the completion of a new one, was unroofed, and the monuments left exposed to the inclemency of the weather. The Bourchier monument was afterwards broken to pieces in an attempt to remove it.

[H. L. T.]

On a flat stone, on the north side of the old church, and nearly in line with the east gable, is inscribed:—

“HERE ARE LAID THE REMAINS |
of | MARIA LADY BURDETT | WIFE of Sir Will^m
BAGENAL BURDETT BART | in her | sincere
Christian Piety | was shown by its genuine fruits |
Goodness, Gentleness, and Truth | As a wife | faithful
dutiful and affectionate, | As a mother | fond
vigilant, judicious |
To her friends | candid, meek, and conciliatory |
In this disipated (*sic*) Age | devoted to Domestic duties |
Her life was Virtue | Her death was Peace |
She departed to a better world July 5th 1816 aged 35 years |
Her mourning husband, erected this tomb in memory
of her excellency | for |
‘The woman that feareth the Lord shall be praised.’” |

JAMES MAXWELL COLLISON, who died 7th Jany
1870, aged 24 years, also his brother,
The Rev^d John Wesley Collison, died 27 July
1880 aged 27 years. &c., &c., &c.

[An upright stone.]

On a polished granite cross, at the N.E. corner of the old church is:—

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
HENRY FITZGEORGE COLLEY
born 1st July 1827 · died 24 Novr 1866.

SARAH LOUISA only dau. of Rev^d
Fred : Fitzwilliam Trench
born Oct. 15. 1848 Died Oct. 8th 1800
In Liverpool, and elsewhere, she laboured
much in the Lord.

[This is on an upright polished granite stone.]

WILLIAM PHIPPS Esq. died Oct . 20 . 1847 aged
66 years . also
ANNE widow of the late Rev^d Owen Ormsby
of Kelmore Co Roscommon who died June
18, 1850, aged 67— Also, their daughter
Mary the wife of James Irwin Esq of Creevagh
County Tyrone, she died March 12th 1847
aged 41 years, &c., &c., &c.

[A flat stone.]

ROBERT ANTHONY POPE died 20th Nov^r
1868 aged 68 years.

[An upright stone.]

ALFRED THOMAS, son of William and Dora
Drennan born 15 May 1869 . died 31 Decr
1874.....

[An upright stone.]

LUCINDA, widow of the late Captⁿ Rich^d North,
of Grange in Co : Roscommon who died 28 . Jany
1819 aged 65 (?).

[A flat stone.]

ELEANOR FRANCES, wife of George Beatty,
County Dublin, Esq., died 18 May, 1869,
aged 45 years. Also the above GEORGE
BEATTY, who died 7 Jany., 1887, aged 68 years.

[This is an upright stone under the N. wall of the church.]

MURRAY KATHRENS, Esqr., died 1801, aged 47,
and others of the family.

Mrs. JANE YOUNGE, alias GOODRICK, wife
of John Younge, gent., died 2 Augt., 1730,
Aged 19.

The family burial-place of GEORGE YOUNGE, Esq.,
of Dublin.

KATE JULIAN died 8 Oct., 1871, aged 60 years.

BLAYNEY MITCHELL, son of Blayney Owen
Mitchell, Co. Monaghan, died Jany. 1868,
aged 89

LYDIA GARNER MITCHELL, aged 73 . died
Feb . 17 . 1836 (?) wife of Blaney Mitchell
Esqre.

JAMES PROUD died 8 . Decr 1854
aged 48 years, also his three brothers Nicholas
Matthew and Samuel.

[An upright stone.]

ROBERT MAHON Esquire of Cavetown
county of Roscommon born 1750 died
1808—Also Jane Relict of the late Rev'd
S. M. Morgan, who died July 9 1800
aged 52 years.

[A flat stone.]

ROBERT CALLAGHAN, 1861 &c., &c., &c.
STRINGER'S—MACGUINNESS'S—HAGGARTY,
WILLIAM SHIMMO . died 2 . Feb 7 . 1837 aged 62

RORERT SHERWOOD died 28 Jany 1857 aged 42.

MARY LYON widow of the Revd John
E. Lyon A.M. Ballyroan, Queen's County
died 18 Jany 1875, aged 92 years. &c., &c.

"MAJOR HENRY E O'DELL died 18th Septr 1864
aged 74 years . he served with the 5th Regiment
of Foot in the Peninsular War, and received
the war medal and nine clasps—

"This monument is erected by his youngest
daughter and her husband, the Rev : J : Pratt,
Rector of Clontarf."

&c. &c. &c.

JOHNATHAN BUCK born Sep : 20 : 1751 (?)
died May 5th (?) 1806, also his wife
Anne, born 1759 died Sept 1804.

[A flat stone.]

ANNE BARLOW died 25th June 1844 at Fir-
grove in Hampshire, aged 75 years, also
JOHN WILSON BARLOW Esqr^e of Dublin, died 27th
Jany, 1837 aged 39 years.

[A granite sarcophagus.]

"There are a few curious memorials in the graveyard, and the family
vaults of the Vernons, Dawsons of Dawson's Grove, in the County
Monaghan, M'Causlands of Omagh, Rochfords, Armstrongs, and tombstones
or slabs to Sarah Hadsor, 1751, John Cavanagh, 1767, Archibald Douglas,
son of General Douglas, 1787, and at the eastern gable a monument to John
Kilpatrick, who represented the borough of Granard in the Irish Parliament,
and subsequently distinguished himself in India."—[*Irish Builder*,
vol. xxvi., p. 241.]

(To be continued.)

Holmpatrick Church.

"D'Alton describes the church of Holmpatrick as being a very plain
structure, within which are three mural monuments—one to Mr. Dixie
Coddington, of Holmpatrick, who died in 1728; one to Mr. Weston, who
died in 1751; and one to Mr. Hamilton, of Sheep-hill, who died in 1800.
In the graveyard is an ancient tombstone to the memory of Elizabeth

Finglass, who died in 1677, and another to Richard de la Hoyde, of Lough Shinney, in 1587. There is a curious stone in memory of a blacksmith, who died in 1719, remarkable for the curious devices of the trade carved on it."—[*Irish Builder*, vol. xxv., p. 386.]

The ruins of this venerable church are situated near "Skerries." The church is dedicated to St. Patrick, who is said to have resided here.

Parish of Lucan.

The following interesting inscription is taken from a head-stone, set in the boundary wall of St. Edmondsbury demesne, Lucan Hill :—

I.H.S.

"HERE | prematurely fell by lawless Violence |
The Rev'd JAMES MACCARTEN |
on the 3rd of June 1807. | Talents
Rich, Refined, and splendid |
innate Benevolence | and peculiar
urbanity of Mind | distinguished
through life this Zealous Minister of the
Catholic Faith, | and Generous Friend
of Humanity."

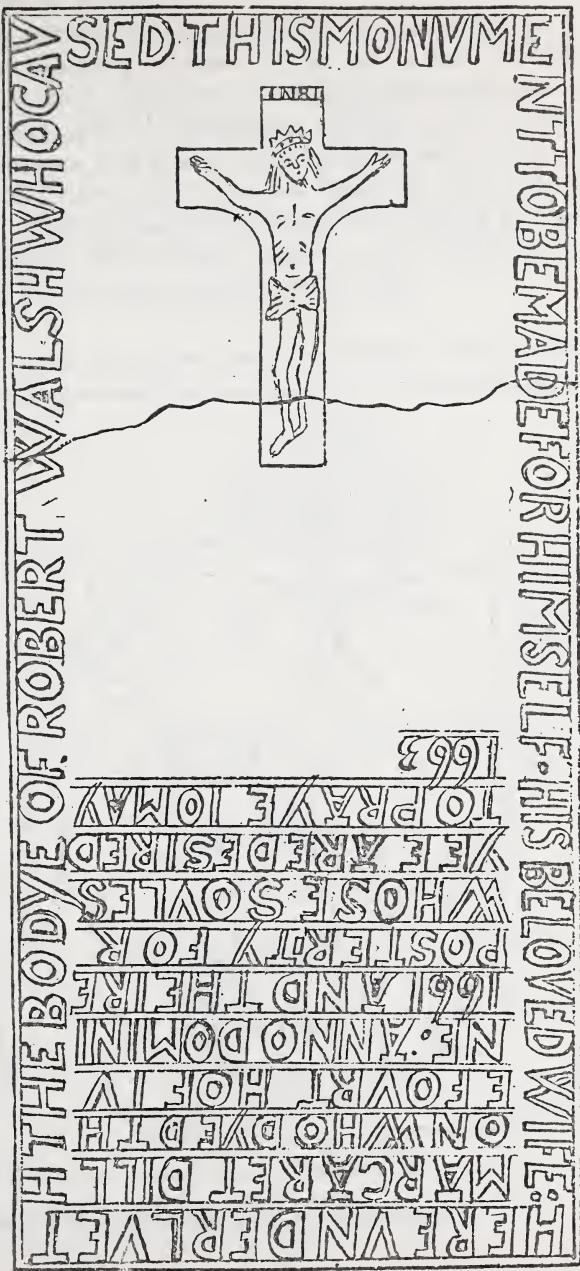
"Tradition says that this unfortunate clergyman was shot by robbers, who were disappointed in meeting with certain persons whom they were waylaying with the intention of robbing, and that one of the gang swore he would kill the first person they met—this priest happened to be the first."

[From J. G. Robertson.]

Kenure Old Church, near Rush.

"HERE VNDERLVELT | H THE BODYE OF ROBERT
WALSH WHO CAVISED THIS MONVME |
NT TO BE MADE FOR HIMSELF . HIS BELOVED
WIFE: | MARGARET DILL | ON WHO DYED THI
E FOVRTH OF IVNE ANNO DOMINI
1661 AND THEIRE | POSTERITY FOR |
WHOSE SOVLES | YEE ARE DESIRED |
TO PRAYE IO MAY 1663."

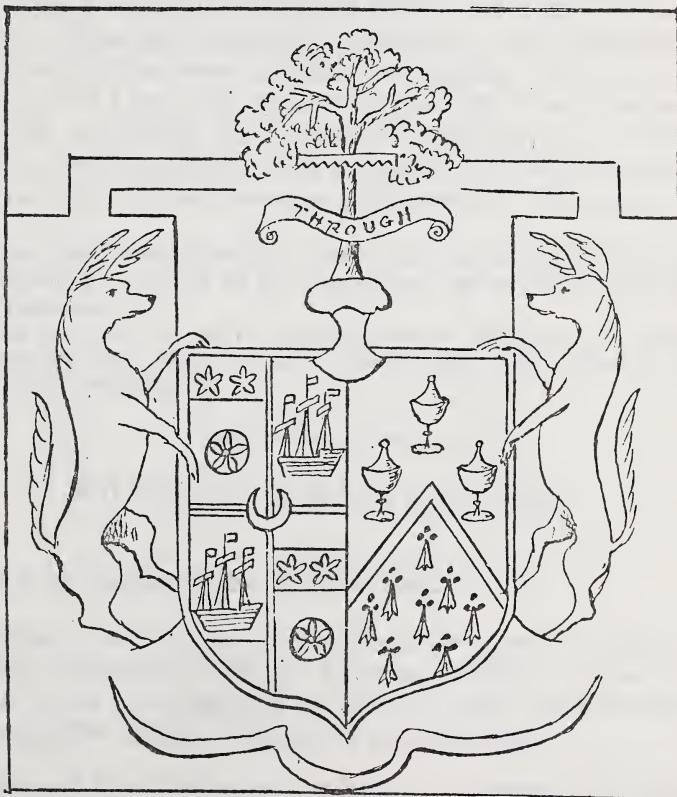
This stone is 6 feet 7½ inches long by 3 feet 11½ inches wide; it is broken across the centre.



Parish of Kenure.

The tombstones represented in the annexed plates are in the ruined church of Kenure. I am indebted to Mrs. Perrin, of Knockdromin, Lusk, for the drawings and inscriptions, and I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to her for the valuable contributions and clever drawings in ink she has sent me, and for the lively interest she has shown in the work I have in hand. I hope some of my other lady friends and subscribers will follow her excellent example, and contribute notes and copies of inscriptions for future Reports.

TOMBSTONE IN RUINED CHURCH AT KENURE, RUSH, CO. DUBLIN.



The following is the inscription on this stone :—

“HERE VNDER LIETH THE AFFABELL
 OBLIGINGE EXEMPLAR WISE HVMBLE
 NOBLE PIOVS DEVOT MOST CHARITABLE
 MOST VERTEOVS AND RELIGIOVS THE
 RIGHT HONORABLE GEORGE LORD \sim
 HAMILTON BARON OF STRABANE \sim
 WHO DIED 14TH OF APRIL \sim
 ANNO DOMINI 1668
 THIS MONVMENT WAS ERECTED BY
 ELIZABETH STRABANE ALIAS FAGAN
 RELICT OF THE SAID LORD STRABANE.”

WHO IS TO BLAME ?

A letter signed “G. Fox-Grant,” relative to the neglected state of the burial-ground of the “Kill-o’-the-Grange,” in the County Dublin, lately attracted my attention ; and in the hopes that it has had the desired effect of causing those whose duty it is to see to it, I here give an extract from Mr. Grant’s letter, and wish much that other gentlemen would adopt the same method of bringing similar cases of neglect—of which there are only too many in Ireland—under public notice. He writes :—

“Very lately, accompanied by a friend, I paid a visit to ‘Kill,’ and it was distressing to witness *the utter neglect and ruin* of the old building and its contents.”

“The graveyard also and its approach from the North were in much the same condition ; there were some painful details, which I think it as well to omit mentioning.”

C O U N T Y F E R M A N A G H.

Parish of Aghavea—or Aghaveagh.

Through the kindness of the Right Reverend Dr. Stack, Bishop of Clogher, and of the Reverend William H. Bradley, Rector of the above parish, I am enabled to give the following account of the Church Plate, and of some Epitaphs :—

Chalice—“This Challees for the Parrish of Aghavey hef^{nt} James Johnston, Churchwarden, 1700.”

Patent—“This Patten for the Parrish of Aghavey hef^{nt} James Johnston, Churchwarden.”

“ Sacred to the memory of
 JOHN and PATRICK MACKEN, sons of Richard Macken, of Brookeboro :
 JOHN,

distinguished for his rare endowments, refined literary taste,
 and the beauty of his poetical productions, which ranked
 him among the ornaments of his country, died at Ennis-
 killen 7th May, 1823, aged 39.

PATRICK,

after completing his course in the University of Dublin,
 where he acquired high academic rewards, died in that
 city March 27th, 1810, aged 21.

“ Fortunati ambo! si quid pia vota valebunt, nulla dies
 unquam memori vos eximet ævo.”

“ Without a sigh, without a tear
 Save what morality might give
 To kindred dust so justly dear
 Thro' life and dying but to live
 For ever in a brighter sphere
 This marble was erected here
 But they who raised it, tho' they loved
 The objects from their eyes removed,
 Too well knew virtue's power to save,
 Vainly to weep o'er virtue's grave.”

Lewis says that this church was erected in 1813, and cost £500.

“ HIC JACET.

“ Revous JOSEPHUS GRAYDON, A.M. et collegii Dublinensis
 socius qui præstanti ingenio eruditione exquisita
 Moribus puris et pietata sincera laudem et favorem
 omnium sibi conciliavit. Studiorum Curriculo
 feliciter peracto et laboris frugibus vix dum perceptis
 summo amicorum academiae ecclesiae dispendio morte
 præmatura abreptus est anno Christi 1764 Ætatis 24
 Cunctis lugentibus tantum lumen jam Subito extingui
 Memoria optimi et charissimi filii nuper beatus nunc
 vero miserimus pater posuit.”

C O U N T Y G A L W A Y .

Kilconnel Abbey.

The Rev. Canon J. Allen French, Rector of Strokestown,
 County Roscommon, has kindly contributed the following
 epitaph from the County Galway :—

" HERE LYETH THE BODY OF MATHIAS BARNEWALL THE 12TH LORD BARON OF TRIMLESTOWNE WHOE BEING TRANSPLANTED INTO CONAGHT WITH OTHER BY ORDERS OF THE USURPER CROMWELL, DYED AT MONIVAE* THE 17TH OF SEPTEMBER 1667 FOR WHOME THIS MONUMENT WAS MADE BY HIS SONNE ROBERT BARNEWALL THE 13TH LORD OF TRIMLESTOWNE.

HERE LYETH ALSO, HIS UNCLE RICHARD BARNEWALL, JAMES BARNEWALL WHO DYED ATT CREGAN THE 2 OCTOBER 1672, AND JAMES BARNEWALL OF AGHRIM.

GOD HAVE MERCY ON THEIR SOULS."

Crest—A falcon surmounting a coronet and cap.

Arms—Two lions passant supprs.

Motto—"Malo mori quam feedari."

Lord Walter Fitzgerald has kindly sent me the following notes from those too-little-known islands off our west coast. It is not too much to say that everything connected with the archaeology of the "Isles of Aran" is of much interest :—

Inishmore, Isles of Aran, Co. Galway.

" Standing on the higher ground above the village of Killeaney on the largest of the three Islands of Aran, stand three square vast pillars of masonry (which at a distance look like huge gate-pillars) surmounted by rude small crosses; into them are inserted tablets, from one of which the following inscription is taken :—

" PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF SARA MSWE
ENY WIFE TO IOHN
FITZPATRICK WHO
DIED THE FIFTH DAY
OF NOUEMBE
R ANNO 1709."

" These monuments, it is the custom, in some parts of Connaught, to erect by the wayside at certain places near where the funerals pass, those that cannot afford to build them raise a small cairn of stones instead; in addition to the monument a headstone is also placed at the grave bearing much the same inscription.

* Or "Albert," now [1833] the property of Robt. French, Esq.—*Lewis.*

"The next inscription is one selected from a row of these monuments by the roadside, between (if I remember right) the villages of Killeaney and Kilronan; the working of them all are much alike":—

" This Monument
Erect^d by orders of their
Son & his wife pat^k &
catherⁿ Dirrane to perpu
; ate their memory ∞"

" The Lord ∞
have Mercy on y^e sou^l
of Mich^l Dirrane ∞
died in ye 119th yr of
his age 1817 ∞
& his wife Catherin
Dirrane Als Coneely
died in ye 97th yr
of her age 1817 ∞"

"As a rule, these monuments are about 12 feet high, 4 feet broad, and 6 feet deep, and the cross at the top generally has an I.H.S. on it.

"On the Isles of Aran the names Dirrane, O'Flagherty, and McDonough, are very common."

C O U N T Y K E R R Y .

Dingle Churchyard.

A round-headed upright stone, about 2 feet 4 inches high and 18 inches wide, in the S.E. corner of this churchyard, bears what appear to be Masonic emblems. A triangle, about $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches high by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide at its base. A square, $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches long by 6 inches across the top. A rule six inches long, and at the lower left-hand corner the face of the sun. Mr. D'arcy says this latter, which was quite distinct seventeen years ago, is now nearly altogether obliterated.



On an upright stone in the N.W. part of the graveyard is a cross and the letters I.H.S., with M. M. in the upper corners of the stone, and the date 1700, with the words MEMENTO MORI underneath in raised letters. No name.

“HERE LYETH THE BODY
OF RICH'D GOODMAN
WHO DEPARTED THIS
LIFE XBR THE THI
1757. AGED 52 YEARS.”

On this stone there is not any cross, or letters I.H.S. It is in good preservation; incised letters, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches high; size of stone, 2 feet 8 inches by 1 foot 6 inches. This is a flat stone on the ground—limestone.

“Here lieth the body of
Jeremiah Kavanagh who
Departed this Life 16th
Febr^r Ann^o Domini 1796,
Aged 61 years.”

Incised letters much worn; height, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches; height of stone, 3 feet over ground; width, 3 feet. Rounded head, with cross and letters I.H.S.

Another stone bears on it the letters I.H.S. and a cross, and beneath the letters O. M. and a heart. No name or date. This headstone is in the S.E. corner of the burial-ground. [An upright stone.]

I.H.S.
“Erected by Revd. Fr^s. FLAHERTY,
P.P. of Dingle—pray for him.
Amen. ano 1798.

[On the wall of the “Grove,” at the south side of the burial-ground.]

On a broken stone is:—

I H S

“HERE LIETH THE
BODY OF PETER
CAHILL WHO DEPA
RTED THIS LIFE
IN THE 48TH YEAR
OF HIS AGE J
THE 17 ANNO
DOMINI 1716.”

"HERE LYETH THE
BODY OF FREDER
ICK MVLINS : SON
AND HEIRE : OF
FREDERICK MVL
LINS : OF BVRN
HAM : ESQVIR W
HO : DECEASED
THE 22 DAY : OF
OCTOBER : AN
NO : DOM : 1695
AND THE 31
OF HIS AGE."

Size of the stone, 3 feet 4 inches by 2 feet 4 inches; height of the letters, 3 inches (all raised).

This tablet is inserted in the east side of the "Ventry" Mausoleum, on the south side of the church. Mr. Nagle thinks it very probable that this Frederick Mullins was the first member of this family that settled in Ireland; and of which the present Lord Ventry is the representative.

The family are said to have come from Burnham, in Norfolk; their residence in Dingle is named Burnham.

Garfinny Burial-ground.

1½ miles E. of Dingle.

In the south side is the following—size of the stone 6 feet by 3 feet :—

"Captⁿ. THOS. W. CLAYTON,
Died

May the 2nd 1806, | Aged 40 | Most deeply regretted. |

This stone was placed to his Memory |

By the Officers and Sea Fencibles | under his command."

Small headstone, 24 inches high by 7 inches wide, in E. centre of this burial-ground. Though modern, the carving is curious. The date is 1816. No name, and the last word of the inscription, MERCY (?) is left unfinished.

The next, dated 1810, is very curious; the inscription is partly in English and partly in Irish. It stands in the east side of Garfinny burial-ground.

The annexed drawing is from a rubbing by Mr. W. D'arcy, of Dingle. He says :—"The iron spikes are still perfect in the hands, and the crown on the head has also lead spikes still embedded in the stone. They are

nine in number, the two black marks in the breast, and the dot on the right side, under the arm, are also lead pins.

The stone is 30 inches long and $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad. The feet have been broken from an injury. The cross arm of the cross is 9 inches long.

The inscription is as follows:—At the top, “RINANUDE” [“King of the Jews”], in Irish. In sunk letters under this is the date AUG . 12 . 1810. On the head of the cross over the figure is IHS ; on the left of the figure as one looks at it, is a flower, and under it, in five lines :—

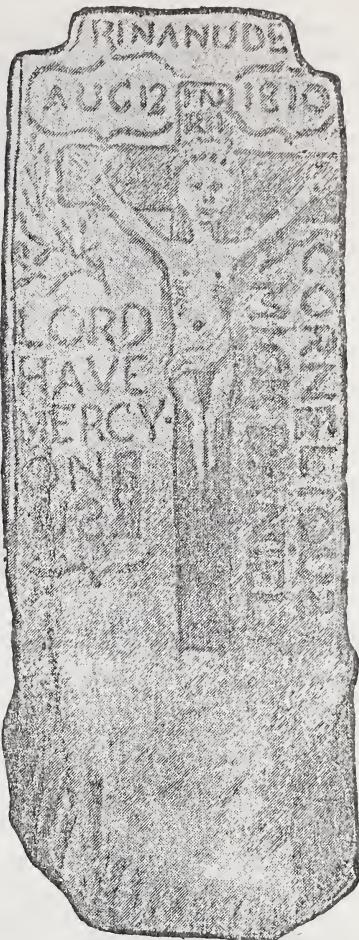
“ LORD | HAVE | MERCY
| ON | US | .”

Alongside these last two words is a figure of a chalice or goblet, and (probably) a wafer on it, in a small panel. On the right of the figure, is written in two lines running lengthways on the stone :—

“ CORNELIOUS | MICKDANIEL | .”

[From Mr. W. D'arcy.]

In the lower left-hand corner will be noticed some Ogham (?) lettering.

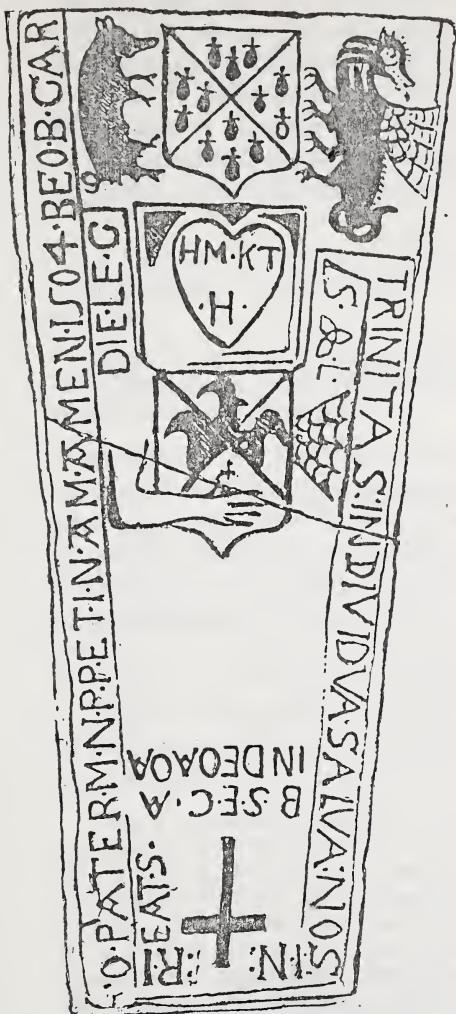


Mr. D'arcy has sent me the following additional information about the stones and inscriptions, which adds considerably to their interest :—

“ The Desmond stone (1504)* is situated in the centre of the churchyard of Dingle. It is placed on a pedestal of masonry, which the present

* See drawing on next page.

incumbent, the Rev. G. Basil Anderson, had erected eleven years ago, for the better preservation of the stone."



the Irish to mean "God be with Garret, and may the FitzGeralds [as a family] never become extinct."

A writer in the *Kerry Evening Post*, June 4, 1872 (John D. Nagle), in speaking of the Desmond tomb, says that Dr. Smith is incorrect in his interpretation of the above contracted Irish.

"The stone is 'lime-stone'; it is broken across the centre, as shown in the engraving, but the joints fit so closely that the break is scarcely visible."

"In the line BSEC - A, my mind was doubtful, at the time I took the photograph, about the letter which should supply the place of the mark between C and A. I believe now it should be an S, as the lower part of that letter is visible, the upper part being obliterated."

"The late Dr. Caulfield, of Cork, told me that if an S was supplied in the gap above referred to, it would make out his interpretation of that line, which (from memory) was "Beata Semper Est Crux [Salvatoris?] Amen. And the "IN DEO AOA,"— "In deo amen; orate amen."

"From the date [1504] to the end of the line is Irish, which the Irish scholars here read, the letters BEO . B . GAR (Long) life be with Fitz-Gerald. And DIE . LE . G, God with Garret" [Geoie = Garret]."

"Those who can read the above cannot read the Latin, but they interpret

Dr. Smith translates it, "God give the FitzGeralds long life"; Mr. Nagle says the literal translation of it is, "God be with Garrett, and may the FitzGeralds live"; or it would mean, "May God prosper Garrett's exploits, and may the FitzGeralds long live and be victorious in all their engagements."

Mr. J. F. Fuller considers that "there is no Irish whatever, abbreviated or otherwise, on the stone."

The question is worthy of further consideration, and I shall be glad to receive the opinions of "experts" about it.

In speaking of the Knight of Kerry's tomb, Mr. Nagle says:—

"There is not a single trace of the handsome monument, with the Latin inscription, or of the family vault of the Knight of Kerry, to be now seen in the Dingle Churchyard!"

No wonder Mr. Nagle could not find the monument [Knight John's] when it had been broken and mis-appropriated, and converted into cap-stones for a corn-rick in a farmyard close by! However, better days are dawning on us in Ireland, I hope; and I have lately been informed that the two parts of this stone are in safe keeping—waiting for what, I trust, I may soon be able to announce, its repair and restoration to the church, from whence it has been so unlawfully and sacrilegiously removed.

While on this subject, I would wish to correct what appears to have been somewhat an incorrect account of Knight John, in my last report. Mrs. Mundy writes:—

"May I be allowed to correct a few slight errors from Colonel Vigors' *Antiquarian Magazine*, copied into the *Kerry Post* of the 18th inst. [March, 1891], and relating to my great-grandfather, John FitzGerald, 15th Knight of Kerry. His *only* son and successor, Maurice, 16th Knight of Kerry, died without issue in 1779, and after the death of his wife (Lady Anne FitzGerald) in August, 1808, his estates in Kerry became the property of my grandfather, Richard Boyle Townshend, M.P. for Dingle. He was the only son of Colonel Townshend, of Castletownshend, M.P. for Cork County, at the time of his death, December, 1783—by Elizabeth FitzGerald, the *only* daughter of John, 15th Knight of Kerry—consequently *only sister* of Maurice, 15th Knight of Kerry, who bequeathed his estates to her and her heirs, after the death of his wife.

"These estates were inherited by my uncle, the well-known Colonel of the XIV. Light Dragoons, who, dying unmarried, bequeathed them to my

father, the late Rev. M. F. S. Townshend, who at his death in 1872, left his Cork estates to me and to my sister, for our lives, afterwards to revert to the two sons of his only son, my brother. But the Kerry estate he left absolutely to me and to my sister.”

Mrs. Mundy then speaks of the neglected state of the monument having been brought [by me, Ed.] to her notice, and she adds:—

“ Luckily, we are able, if allowed, to restore it to its proper place inside the Parish Church of Dingle.

(Signed) “ GERALDINE H. F. MUNDY.”

For particulars of this monument, see page 86 of the Report for 1889.—Ed.]

C O U N T Y K I L D A R E .

Castledermot.

“ This churchyard is famous for its Round Tower (whose square-headed doorway is on a level with the ground), its two high crosses covered with Celtic tracery and religious subjects, its cross-inscribed Holestone, and many ancient cross-bearing unlettered stones as well.

“ The following inscriptions are taken from this churchyard. Leaning against the boundary wall, on the north side, are two large slabs which formerly used to be inside the church; their inscriptions are as follows:—

“ Here lieth the body of
[Stone broken.] Thomas HARDCASTLE he was
Born in the COUNTY OF YORK
in ENGLAND and was sever
al years vicar* of this par
ish and departed this life
the 10 day of MAY 1701
and also the body of ROSA
MOND his wife who died the
27th day of AVGUST FOLLOWING
they left surviving two
DAUGHTERS ELIZABETH & MARY
and three sons THOMAS CYRIL
& SANFORD THE MEMORY OF
THE IVST IS BLESSED.”

* *Sic.*

**"HERE LIETH THE
BODY OF ROBERT IEN
INGS WHO DECEASED
THIS LIFE IAN 17
ANNO DOM 1679."**

"The above inscription was very hard to make out, as the letters were not originally deeply cut, and are now much worn."

**"HEARE LYETH
THE BODY OF GEO
RGE SHAW IUNIOR
WHO DIED THE
23 DAY OF
MARCH 1699
ALSO THE BODY
OF GEORGE SHAW SENR
WHO DEPARTED THIS
LIFE THE II DAY OF
FEBRUARY 1711
AGED 72 YEARS.
I REST IN HOPE TO RISE
AGAINE FOR IT IS SAID
NONE SHALL REMAINE
UNJUDGED AT THE JUDG
MENT DAY; I HAU E PAID
THE DEBT YOU ALL
MVST PAY :"**

Kilkea.

"The following inscriptions are copied from headstones in the old church-yard close to the Castle:—

**"This st Stone is erected by
John Tool in memory of his
posteriTy "**

**"HERE LYETH THE BODY
OF ROBERT DIXON; SON
TO MR HENRY DIXON;
OF KILKEA WHO WAS
BORN THE 7th OF JULY 1702
& DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE
10th OF SEPTEMBER 1712 "**

“ My time WAS SHORT YE LONG^E IS MY REST
 GOD CALL^D ME HENCE BECAUSE HE THOUGHT IT BES^T
 BELIEVE THIS TRUTH, YE WHT THOU VALUES^T MOST
 AND SETTS^T THY HEART UPON IS SOONEST lost.”

In a small ruined mortuary chapel, built on to the west gable-end of the old church, is an altar-tomb erected by some FitzGeralds of Castleroe, near Maganey, in 1623. The sides are covered with the emblems of the Passion and Crucifixion, cut in relief, as is also the inscription which runs round the top of the lid stone, on which are also a long ornamented cross and a sun and a half-moon, both having faces. The inscription is as follows:—

“ Hier lieth william fitzgerald
 And his first - wife ivane keiting -
 And his second wife cislie geidone
 √vane:cie - the - 21 - dAy^ of - feb
 rvari - in the yEAR - of ovr:god:
 1623.”

Connected with this family are four carved stones built into the west gable of the church: one bears the FitzGerald arms and crest, and the date 1630; another, the family crest—a monkey on all-fours, chained, and carrying a knight's helmet; the third, a mermaid; and the fourth, a long inscription in Latin, in raised letters, as follows:—

“ VIVO EGO, JAM MORIOR MIRARIS VERBVLIA, LECTOR
 IN TERRIS MORIOR VITA SECVNDA POLO EST.
 VITA NIHILL PRIA ESTET MIHI POPO SECVNDA
 VITA PRIOR DOLVS EST, VITA SECVDA DECVS.
 ECCE GERALDINO FVERA COJVNCTA GVLIELMO
 ECCE KEATINGA PIO JVNCTA JOANNA VIRO.
 CÆCILIA CONJVX CLARA DE STIRPE GEIDON
 JVNCTVS ERAT, QVI TRES CONDIMVR HOC TVMVLO.”

This has been translated thus:

“ I dead still live, the words create surprise!
 I died on earth to live again in heaven.
 My former life was nought but tears and sighs,
 But now to me are pomp and glory given.
 Lo! I Joanna Keating who did join
 With William—he a pious Geraldine
 Was first Cæcilia's consort, she who came
 Straight from Geidon's stock of famous name—
 We three, to death's sharp sting at last succumbed,
 And 'neath this stone together lie entombed.”

Naas.

On the east side of the churchyard of St. David, lying flat on the ground, is a tombstone with the following inscription :—

“ **E**LIZABETH . Y^e. WIFE .
OF . IOhN . BRERET
ON . VICAR . OF . NAAS .
DEPARTED . THIS . LI
FE . OCTOBER . Y^e . 23 . AN .
DO . 1694 .
SHEE . WAS . A . GOOD .
WIFFE . MOTHER .
FRRIEND .
AND . CH
RISTIAN.”

The next two inscriptions are cut in bold relief on two upright headstones on the south side of the churchyard :—

“ **P**ETRVS .
WAILSH .
ME . FECIT .
ANO : DNI
 1606.”

(This stone appears to be only a portion of some tomb.)

“ **H**ERE . LIETH
THE . BO^DY
OF . MR . THOM
AS . MOORE . DE
SES . THE . 16 . SEP
TEMBER . 1699.”

Leaning against the north wall of, and outside, the church is a headstone inscribed as follows :—

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“ **T**HIS : SONE : AND : BURIA
 PLACE : BELONGS : TO : M^r 
 ANDREW : FORSTER : MARC
 HANT : OF : Naas : 1718 
 ROBART : FORSTER : HIS
 SON : DEPARTED : THIS
 LIFE : THE : 28 : OF :
 APRIL : 1723  ”

The next four inscriptions are taken from slabs lying in the pavement running down the middle of the church:—

**"HEAR LIETH THE
BODY OF MISTRIS
SVSANNA HEALE W
IFE TO MISTER AN
THONY HEALE OF NA
SS WHO DIED THE
FIRST DAY OF MAR
CH ***** 168 *"**

This inscription is very hard to make out, owing to the bad, slaty quality of the stone.

**"HERE LISE THE
BODY OF CHARLES
EUSTACE ESQ^R S
WHO DEPARTED
THIS LIFE THE
***** 1732"**

The above inscription also is much worn, as the stone is of a sandy nature.

This family of Eustace was the Robertstown, Co. Kildare, branch.

**"CATRINE FORS
TER ALLIS S
SHERLOCK DECE
ASED 1682
WILLIAM FORST^{ER}
DECEASED 1707"**

Running round the edge of another stone is—

**"HERE : LYETH : THE | BODY : OF : JOSHVA : CARPENTER :
ESQ : BORNE | AT LYME IN DEVON : | SHIRE : THE : 12TH
OF : DEC : 1585 : AND : DECEASED : AT : | ELSINOWRE |
THE 2⁰ OF : MARCH | 1655."**

Under this are the arms and motto—"DEUS EXTREMIS MIHI CLYPEVM." (?) There is no crest.

The arms are—1. Per pale, on a field paly of 6, a chevron charged with 3 bezants, bearing each a cross-crosslet. 2. A Bend. (Colours not legible.)

Under them is engraved the following:—

**"HE : MARIED : VRSULA : DAUGHTER
TO : RICHARD : VINEGOR : OF : SACK
FIELD : HALL : IN : SUFFULKE : ESQ : &
HAD : ISSUE : BY : HER : IOHN : THO
MAS : IOSHUA : PHILIPP : * R * *IA
ANN : ARABELLA : VRSULA : AND
MARY."**

This slab is 6 feet 8 inches by 3 feet 1 inch, and of a pink-coloured stone; it lies in the passage-way in the middle of the church, and is in very fair preservation.

The lettering is all in relief, except the small lettering in the middle, which seems a later addition.

Can any of my friends explain how these Devon and Suffolk folk came to be buried at Naas?—ED.

Timolin.

On a large slab, having a cross running from head to foot, with a long narrow panel on either side of it, and other marks, is the following inscription, running round the edge, and commencing at the head:—

**“DONAGH - KICHOW - ALSONNE -
* ARCHBOLD - FARREL - KICHOW - 1633”**

The date is at the foot of the cross.

This stone is lying on the ground on the east side of the churchyard, under a yew tree.

On the north side of the church is a stone effigy of a knight in chain armour, with his shield above him; except for the face, it is in good preservation. The shield has a crescent over a fesse. There is no lettering or date. The knight is supposed to be Robert FitzRichard, Lord of Norragh, who in King John's reign founded a convent for nuns of the Arroasian Order here.

This inscription is taken from a headstone on the south side:—

“This stone is erected by Patrick Keating. Here lies the body of Jeffery Keating who departed this life February 6th 1790 aged 25 years. May the Lord hauve mercy on him. Also Redmond Keating his Grandfather.”

Moone.

The following inscription is taken from a stone lying in a broken state on the north side of the ruined abbey; the lettering is in relief:—

**“EDMOND · BR(ine an)
ID · JOHANNY · B (?)
IN · HIS · WIFE · CA(use)
ID · THIS · MONVM(en)
TE · TO · BE · MAD(e in)**

* REMBRANCE · O(f hi)
 S · PARENTS · DIER^(m)
 OT · BRINE · AND · MORE · C
 VLLON · WHO · DEC
 EASED · Å · DÑI · 1624
 FOR · WHOSE · SOVL^(s)
 (pray) YEE · IN · C
 (charity) · IE · FOR · AS
 YOV · ARE · SOE · HIA
 VE · THEY · BEEN ·
 AND · AS · THEY · ARE
 YOV SHALL BE · S
 ENE · Å · DÑI 1635
 PATRICK · BRINE "

Below the above inscription, the lowest part of the tombstone is covered with the emblems of the Crucifixion, incised, and which now can only be faintly traced.

Portions of a richly-ornamented altar-tomb are lying not far from the above stone ; the only inscription to be seen belonging to it is as follows—more, apparently, is missing :—

" ORATE PRO ANIMA
 GVALTERI ARCH :
 BOLD QVI HOC
 MONVMENTVM
 FIERI FECIT IN ME
 * * * * I VXORIS
 MATHEVE MOL :
 ANVXE MASONE "

This stone bears a coat-of-arms (a saltier, &c.), with angels on either side, and the words " MARCVS," " MATHEVS." The lettering is all in relief.

In the centre of the Rath of Moone, which stands on the high ground overlooking Moone Abbey, is the tomb of a Counsellor Ashe; it consists of an oblong block of masonry about 3 feet high, on which rested a large covering-stone, but which now is displaced, and leans, in a chipped and broken state, against the mason-work, on its side. The inscription, given

below, is incised, and above it is a portion of a coat-of-arms, cut in relief:—

**"Under this Stone Lyes the Body of
THOMAS ASHIE Esqr who was
(inter)red here at his own Request Nine
(fe)et deep the 30th of June 1741 in memory
(of) Whom this Stone and Wall was made
(a)nd Erected at the Expense of his
(thre)e Sisters Mary Deborah & Martha"**

The wall mentioned above is built right round the Rath, on the top of the inner rampart.

Belan.

At the back of the stables of Belan House (formerly the residence of the Earls of Aldborough, and now a complete ruin), two miles N.E. of Kilkea Castle, is an old, disused churchyard. The foundations of the nave and chancel of a small church can be traced ; and under an old thorn-tree lie the head, shaft, and base of a plain font. Though the graves are numerous, there is only one inscribed headstone. The churchyard is unenclosed :—

**"Here Lieth The
Body of Iohn
Harris Who Departed
This Life May The 22nd
1714 Aged 40 Years."**

Kilberry.

Near the base of the projecting tower at the N.W. end of the old ruined church, or abbey, of Kilberry (about three miles from Athy), lies a much-worn tombstone, whose inscription, though in relief, is hard to decipher ; it runs thus :—

**"HERE LYETH THE BODY OF
ROBERT PALEREY MAR
GEND WHO DEPARTED
THIS LIFE APRIL . 25 : 1655
AGED 33."**

Dunmanoge.

The churchyard of Dunmanoge lies about a mile south of Maganey ; portions of the S.E. and W. walls are still standing. Inside the church ruins is a curious headstone, near the west end ; it is a long stone, and the short inscription, cut in relief on it, commences 3 feet from the top :—

**"RICHARD - TREVES
OVNY · OGANE
1640"**

On the north side of the churchyard are the following two :—

**"HERE LYETH YE BODY
OF TIMOTHY NAILL WHO
DIED APRILL YE 20TH 1726
AGED 33 YEARS"**

**"This Stone is erected by Micheal
McDermott in Memory of himself
& posterity. Here Lyeth the Body
of his Wife Mary McDermott alias
Mickanany who Depd this Life Decr
ye 12th 1772 aged 52"**

Outside the west end of the church is the next :—

**"HERE LYES THE BODY OF
JAMES MCROBERTS WHO
DEPARTED THIS LIFE ye 25th OF
MARCH 1743 IN THE 50th yEAR
OF HIS AGE"**

This family of McRoberts lived in the old castle of Castlereoe, a mile north of Maganey, now a ruin. James, the son of the above-mentioned James McRoberts, was a member of the Hell-Fire Club, and during his life had a land dispute with his landlord, James FitzGerald, 20th Earl of Kildare and 1st Duke of Leinster, and won his case ; upon which he swore that, alive or dead, the Duke should never be rid of him from the Castlereoe farm ; and in 1768, on his death-bed he gave orders that his body should be buried in a rath-like enclosure a few perches on the opposite side of the road to the south of the castle. The stone that lies over his grave is nearly 8 feet long by 4 feet in breadth ; it bears the inscription given on next page :—

Castlereoe.

**"Here lieth the Body of Ias^s MCROBERTS
Esq^r deceased Ivne the 20th 1768
Aged 50"**

Parish of Kill (?).**CHURCHYARD OF JOHNSTOWN.**

The following inscription, rather than epitaph, I found mentioned in a book published in 1807. I have been in communication with the present rector of the parish (the Rev. James Adams), and he informs me that no such thing is now to be found. What has become of it? :—

“Tread soft, ye mortals, o'er this hallow'd ground,
Full many gentle villagers here rest,
Who till'd in days of yore the fields around,
With calm content, and humble virtue bless'd.

Go, seek the flowery path of peace they trod,
From guilt, ambition, and from envy free,
Like them, thy neighbours love, adore thy God,
And for thy race provide with industry.

So may you then, when fate shall seal your doom,
And you beneath the grass-grown sod shall lie,
Like them, enjoy the sabbath of the tomb,
Like them, ascend to endless bliss on high.”

Lord Mayo has supplied me with an explanation of the matter, which appears to me to account, at least, for the author of the lines, if not for the disappearance of the stone; but, probably, his theory on that point is also quite correct. He says he never heard of this inscription having been seen by any one. He attributes the lines to Praed, the poet, who was a brother of old Lady Mayo (the present Earl's great-aunt). Praed often stayed at Palmerstown in those days, and Lord Mayo draws attention to their great similarity to the published writings of Praed.

There are some ruins in Johnstown churchyard covered with ivy, and Lord Mayo thinks the stone bearing the above lines may be concealed under the ivy, or has been removed altogether and broken up.

There is also in this ground a monument to the Aylmer family.

C O U N T Y K I L K E N N Y.

Parish of Callan.

For the following inscriptions I have to thank the researches of Mr. Thomas Shelly, of Callan. They were first published, I believe, by him in vol. i. of the *Transactions* of the Ossory Archaeological Society, where further particulars concerning them will be found. Mr. George D. Burtchaell, in his recently-published account of the "Members of Parliament of the County Kilkenny," also gives notices of some of the families here named.—ED.

INSCRIPTIONS.

"No. 1. Hic jacet dominus Rothe quondam vicarius de
Callan qui obiit anno domi MCCCCXXVI
die mensis Octobris ejus ac "

"Here lies Master Rothe, formerly Vicar of
Callan, who died in the year of our Lord 1426
day of October, on whose [soul may God have mercy]."

This is a floor slab, very much broken and defaced, lying near the second pillar of the nave or centre aisle. It is the oldest inscribed stone as yet discovered among the ruins.

"No. 2. Hic jacet discretus obiit
MCCCCXLII., pro cuius animæ omnibus Pater et Ave
decertibus CLX. indulgenci."

"Here lies that discreet man who died
1442. . . . 160 days' indulgence is granted to all
who shall say a Pater and Ave for his soul."

"This stone lies near the church door. The inscription, in raised Old English characters, runs round the edge. The flag is broken in several parts, and the lettering much defaced. There is an ornamental cross in the centre, and to the right of the cross is a shield, having sculptured on it a chevron, engrailed, between three roses, showing the monument to have belonged to the family of Le Blond, a name connected with Callan at an early period. Shortly after the time of the date on this stone, the name was changed to that of White, which signifies the same as the Norman-French Le Blond. The monuments of the Whites in St. Mary's Church, Clonmel,* with dates of the early part of the following century, have the same arms as those on this stone. The Whites are said to have resided

* See after, "Clonmel," under Tipperary.

at Whitesland, within two miles of the town, where some old walls are pointed out as the remains of their castle ; and also at Westcourt, which in some old documents is mentioned as ‘alias Whitecourt.’”

“Lady Alice le Kyteler’s first husband was William Utlagh (by whom she had a son William). He died before 1302. She then married Adam le Blond, of Callan, who died before 1311, for in that year she married Richard de Valle (now corrupted into Wall), and in 1324 she appeared as the wife of Sir John de Poer. It was in this year that she was accused of sorcery, &c., and proceeded against by Richard de Ledrede, Bishop of Ossory.”—(Dr. Redmond, 1891.)

For further particulars, see *Irish Builder* of 1st August, 1891.

Mr. Shelly appears, by the above note of Dr. Redmond, to be in error in saying that de Valle was the witch’s husband, as she was Sir John de Poer’s wife in 1624, the year of her prosecution.—ED.

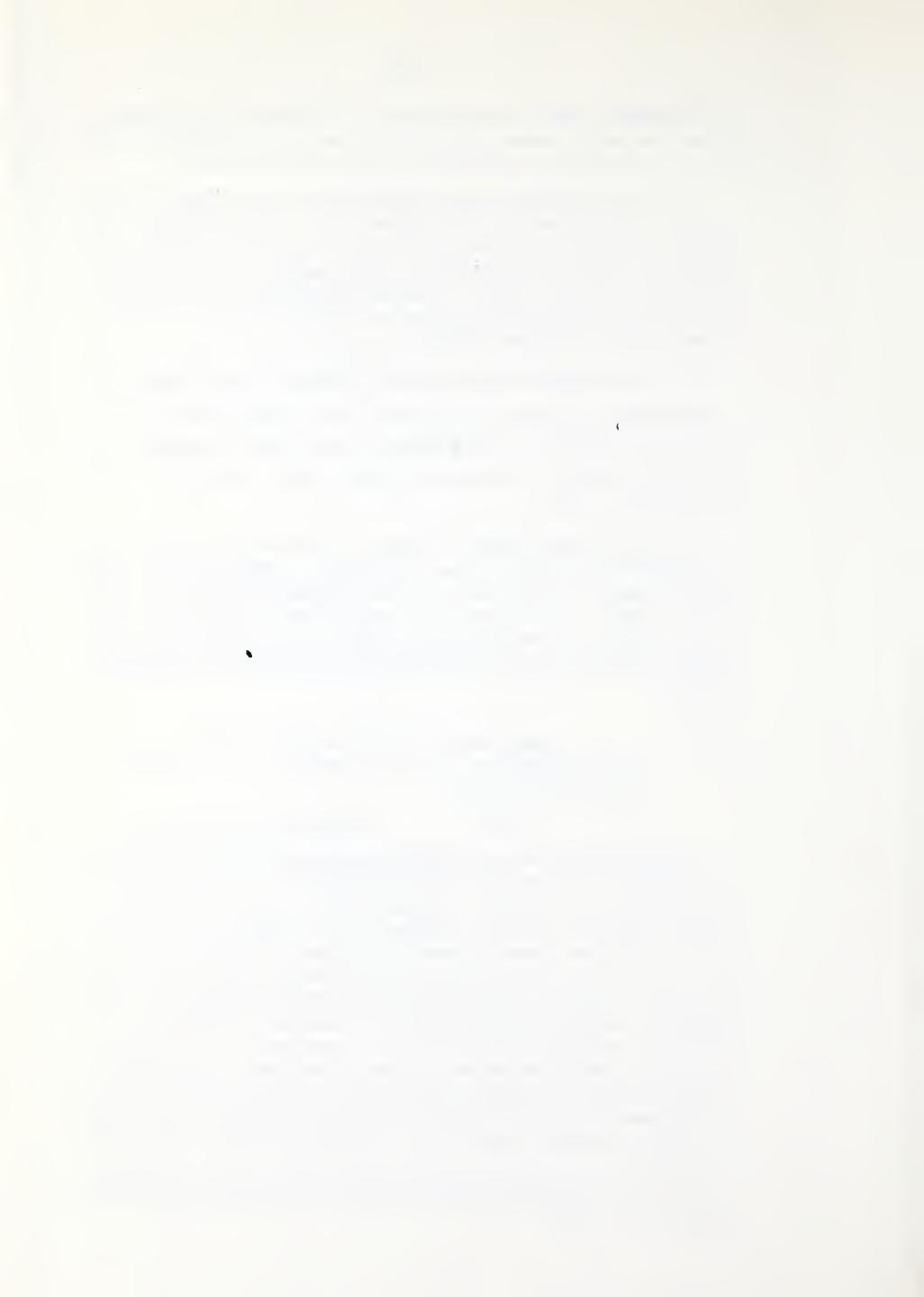
“Adam Le Blend, Banker, of Callan, was the second husband of the celebrated Kilkenny witch, Dame Alice Kettyl. The name of the witch’s husband was de Valle,* and it is not improbable that he was also of Callan. The name is discernible as part of the inscription on a monument, evidently of a very remote date, which forms part of the floor of the church—Nicholas White, Rector of Callan, about the end of the fifteenth century.”

“No. 3. . . . jacet discretus vir Joh’nes Tobyn, Rector
hnjus Eccle’fu’dator de chantere nove qui cuius
aiabs ’ppt’ deus ame.”

“. . . . Totus : . . . no’ jaces ego lapis iste jacet.”

“This badly-used and now dilapidated monument lies on the floor of the centre aisle or nave, next the gable wall of the choir, to the left side of the church door. It is broken in several pieces. The inscription was cut around the border, and also continued on two bands at the side of the shaft of a floriated cross, decorating the centre. The lettering on that part near the wall, being the more protected, is still fairly legible ; but that on the outer edge and on the bands is nearly obliterated, and is now (1863) difficult to copy with any certainty of correctness. Disjoined, as I am reluctantly compelled to produce it, I have attempted no translation of it ; but, in the hands of an expert, the whole inscription would probably be brought to light. The date is not traceable, but it is highly probable it is the monument of Master John Tobyn, Rector of Callan, who in the year 1516 gave testimony regarding the legitimacy of Piers Butler, before

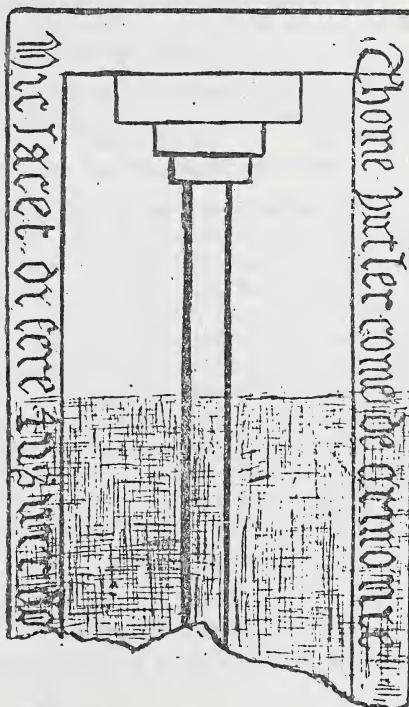
* “Geffrey Vale” appears as High Sheriff of the County Carlow in 1374, and Geoffrey de Vale in 1377 (probably the same man). Simon de Vale was High Sheriff in 1388 and 1403.—ED.



Oliver, Bishop of Ossory. However, what remains of it is sufficient to inform us that he was rector of the church, and the founder of a new chantry in it, and the whole of him does not lie where the stone lies, which I take to refer to the separation of the soul from the body."

"No. 4. *Hic jacet discretus vir dom . . . Thome Butler come de Ormonie.*"

"This monument represented by the accompanying figure exists as a headstone over a solitary grave outside the western gable of the northern aisle, the part of it shown here as darkened, being below the surface of the



ground; about one-fourth of it has been broken off and lost. The missing portion contained the upper part of the cross, the date, and, perhaps, some continuation of the inscription. From the unusual arrangement of the inscription, it is likely this was at first the covering-flag of a table-shaped monument, placed in an angle of the church, and had the letters cut thus, all from left to right, in order to enable it to be read with the more facility from the one particular direction. The name on this stone is most

probably that of Thomas, the seventh Earl of Ormonde. Thomas, the seventh Earl, was buried in St. Thomas's Church, London. In all probability this stone marked the grave of his chaplain."

"No. 5. . . . Philippus throddy quondam judex
ac notarius ville Callaniae qui obiit xv. die februraii
A.D. mvd. ix."

"(Here lies) Philip Troy, formerly magistrate and court notary of the town of Callan, who died on the 15th day of February, in the year of our Lord 1519."

This flag is near the church door, to the right side.

"No. 6. Jacent jacobus throddy quo' da' burge'sis ville
Callanæ, who died . . . A.D. 15 . . . Cath . . .
uxor ejus eor'aib' ppt' des . . . "

"(Here lies) James Troy, formerly burgess of the town of Callan, who died . . . in the year of our Lord 15 . . . and Catherine . . . his wife . . . on whose souls may the Lord have mercy."

"This monument is part of the flooring of the church, and is near the baptismal font. The centre is ornamented with a cross of beautiful design. To the right of the stem or shaft of the cross is a shield bearing the 'chief indented' of the arms of Ormonde; and to the left is a rare pattern of the sacred monogram. Bands, originally inscribed, run along at each side of the cross, but the letters are now utterly defaced and illegible. The head of this stone was chiselled away to make it fit into its place as part of the flagging, and the corner containing the ending letters of the date was taken out, to admit the fitting in an angle of an adjoining Kellymount flag.*

"The family to whom these monuments belonged were formerly of note in this county, and ranked with the most influential of the gentry. William Throddy, of Callan, is named amongst those who formed the "Jury" of the Commissioners of the County of Kilkenny, 1537."

(To be continued.)

ST. FRANCIS' ABBEY, KILKENNY.

[Kindly contributed by J. G. Robertson, Esq., F.R.S.A.I.]

I. H. S.

M. A.

"HERE LYETH THE BODY OF ^{MIS} AGNES BANCKES
ALIS SMYTH DAUGHTER TO ^{MR} JOHN SMYTH OF DAM
AGII IN THE COUNTRY KILKENNY GENTELL AND WAS

* Could it be credited that such an act of vandalism would have been perpetrated within the last sixty years?—ED.

MARYED TO MR WILLIAM BANCKES OF KILKENNY PEU
TEROR . DECEASED THE 8th JANUAY . 1687.
I PRAY GOD BEE MERCYFULL TO HER SOULE . AMEN."

The above is the only epitaph which appears to have been left at St. Francis' Abbey. It is built into the wall of a building which stands within the brewery yard, but which appears to have formed a part of the abbey, judging from windows in the gable. Said windows partake more of the domestic than of the ecclesiastical character.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCHYARD.

"NEALE GULTON CITIZEN OF KILKENNY BUILT THIS MONUMENT
FOR HIS DEARLY BELOVED WIFE ROSE LANGTON DECEASED
— OF OCTOBER 1646. HIS FATHER JOHN GULTON HIS MOTHER
ELLEN SEIX. HIMSELF AND POSTERRITE
FLY VERTUE DEATH HEER FEARRIES TO "

[Coat-of-arms, and motto—"FROM VERTUE ABUNDANCE."]

"Seix's Loch," near the military barracks, would appear to be so called after this family.

"HERE LIETH THE BODY OF JOHN
MAGOUN L:L:D: VICAR GENERAL OF THE
DIOCESS OF OSSORY WHO DEPARTED
THIS LIFE SEPTEMBER 30TH 1780 IN THE
76TH YEAR OF HIS AGE"

"ERECTED TO THE MEMORY OF EDWARD HUNT ESQ^{RE}
LATE OF THE CITY OF KILKENNY
WHO DIED THE 1st OF JANY 1822 AGED 76 YEARS
AND TO HIS WIFE MARY,
WHO DIED THE 13th OF NOVⁿ 1823 AGED 74 YEARS.

MEMORIA PARENTUM DILECTORUM
HUNC TUMULUM EREXIT
FILII GRATI PIETAS."

"SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF EDWARD COOKE ESQ^{RE}
LATE OF LITTLEFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF TIPPERARY
AND PATRICK STREET IN THIS CITY
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE 16th OF JANUARY 1859
AGED 86 YEARS."

“ SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF
 THE REVEREND ROBERT BUTLER
 MASTER OF ARTS OF TRINITY COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE
 AND 18 YEARS VICAR OF THIS PARISH
 HE DEPARTED THIS LIFE AT BRIGTON
 ON MAY 13th 1847 IN THE 52nd YEAR OF HIS AGE.”

“ AND I HEARD A VOICE FROM HEAVEN SAYING
 UNTO ME, WRITE, BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHICH
 DIE IN THE LORD FROM HENCEFORTH ; YEA, SAITH
 THE SPIRIT, THAT THHEY MAY REST FROM THEIR
 LABOURS : AND THEIR WORKS DO FOLLOW THEM.”

Revelations xiv. ch., xiii. ver.

“ ERECTED IN MEMORY OF
 JOHN HELSHAM OF HEBRON
 IN THE LIBERTIES OF THE CITY OF KILKENNY ESQ.
 WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE 29th DAY OF JUNE 1838
 AGED 82 YEARS.

AS A TOKEN OF AFFECTION
 THIS MONUMENT HAS BEEN ERECTED
 BY HIS ELDEST AND SECOND SONS
 HENRY HELSHAM AND EDWARD H : BROWN ESQ^{RS} ”

“ HERE LYETH YE BODY OF MRS
 MARY ROSS ALIS SMITHWIC
 WIFE TO M^R THOMAS ROSS
 WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
 YE 30TH OF DECEMBER AN : DM
 1732 IN YE 34th YEAR OF
 HER AGE.”

“ HERE LIES THE BODY | OF HENRY CARTER, SON |
 TO JOHN CARTER, WHO | DEPD MARCH YE 2nd 1766 |
 AGED 29 YEARS.

JOHN CARTER, JUN^r | DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON
 THE 3rd | OF APRIL 1832 AGED 42 YEARS.”

“ HERE REST THE MORTAL
 REMAINS OF THE
 REV^D PAUL HELSHAM L.L.D.
 FOR MANY YEARS ARCHDEACON
 AND VICAR GENERAL OF THE
 DIOCESS OF OSSORY.

HE DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE
13th OF JANUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR
LORD . 1822.

IN THE 64th YEAR OF HIS AGE.
THIS TOMB WAS ERECTED TO HIS
MEMORY
BY HIS FAITHFULL WIFE
REBECCA HELSHAM.

MULTIS FLEBILIS OCCEDIT NULLO FLEBILIOR QUAM
MIHI FILIO.”

“ SACRED TO THE MEMORIES OF JOSEPH BLOUNT
HELSHAM ESQ^{RE} SECOND SON OF REV^D PAUL
HELSHAM AND REBECCA HIS WIFE WHO DIED
THE 3rd DAY OF OCTOBER 1829 AGED 25 YEARS.
AND OF PAUL AND AMELIA HELSHAM INFANT
CHILDREN OF CAPTAIN GEORGE HELSHAM THE
ELDEST SON AND ELIZABETH ANNE HIS WIFE.

HIC OMNES HIC SEPELIUNTER.”

“ HERE
LYETH YE BODY*
OF RICHARD
MONSON WHO
DIED IULY YE 17 : 1714
OF SUSANNA MOX
SON ALIAS BOULSTER
WHO DIED APRIL
YE 3. 1724 WITH
SEVERAL OF HER
CHILDREN & GRAN
CHILDREN.”

“ RESURGAM
SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF
ARTHUR HELSHAM ESQ^{RE}
LATE MAJOR OF THE KILKENNY FUSILEERS
ELDEST SON OF JOHN HELSHAM OF LEGGETSRATH
NEAR THIS CITY. HE DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON THE 11th
DAY OF MAY 1861 . AGED 61 YEARS

* The top of headstone is small and semicircular, so that there was not space for cutting the letters DY in a line with BO.

HIS MORTAL REMAINS ARE LAID IN THE BURIAL GROUND
OF ST JOHN'S NEAR EXMOUTH
HE DIED RESTING ON A CRUCIFIED AND
RISEN SAVIOUR AS HIS ONLY HOPE
THEREFORE HIS END WAS PEACE.

THIS TABLET IS PLACED HERE
BY HIS SORROWING WIDOW TO RECORD
HER SENSE OF THE WORTH AND EXCELLENCE
OF HER DEPARTED HUSBAND."

"IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DANIEL ROBERT ALCOCK, STAFF SURGEON, ROYAL NAVY.
DIED DECEMBER 23rd 1880. AGED 43 YEARS.

WHAT I DO THOU KNOWEST NOT NOW BUT THOU SHALT KNOW
HEREAFTER." [John xiii. 7. v.]

"SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF
MARY HESTER ALICIA
ELDEST DAUGHTER OF CAPTAIN CANE
OF THE 5th DRAGOON GUARDS
AND GRAND DAUGHTER
TO JOHN HELSHAM ESQ. OF THIS TOWN
SHE DIED ON THE 20th OF FEBRUARY 1816
OF A MOST PAINFUL ILLNESS
AGED SEVEN YEARS AND TWO MONTHS.

* IF GRIEF BE IMPIOUS WHEN THE ALMIGHTY THRONE
SENDS FORTH ITS MANDATE."

"Captain Cane was father of the late well-known Nationalist, Dr. Cane, of Kilkenny, who was imprisoned for a long time in 1848-49. He attended James Stephens, the Fenian, when he lay wounded in a cabin not far from Kilkenny, to which he had been removed after the famous battle of Ballingarry, where he acted as aide-de-camp to Smith O'Brien, and was shot when carrying a despatch across the Cabbage Garden. Dr. Cane was illegitimate."

Tullaherin Burial-Ground.

Under date 8th August, 1890, I see a notice of a letter having been received by the Board of Guardians of Thomastown Union, from a Mr. Comerford, of Wexford, recommending the Guardians to make some improvements in this burial-

* These lines (4) are cut on a long narrow slab of white marble set in the wall of the churchyard, but the colour has been washed out from many of the letters, so that they are rather illegible.

ground, but the chairman (Mr. Andrew O'Donnell) is reported to have stated that "they could not possibly make the improvements suggested."

When I last visited this ancient burial-ground, there was one mass of overgrown weeds, thistles, nettles, and such like, obliging me to keep my hands over my head, to avoid being stung. It much requires looking after.

The remains (about 40 feet in height) of a Round Tower stand at one end of the ruins of the church walls, of which considerable amount are still standing.

There was also a stone with an Ogham inscription in the burial-ground.

Parish of Gowran.

(Continued from page 94.)

The Rev. E. F. Hewson, Rector of this Parish, sends me the following notes connected with the tombstone of Randulphus, figured in my last Report :—

"Turning from the date to the rest of the inscription, the first thought which suggests itself is the question, What is meant by "He was a Julianus" ?

"The popular Professor of Ecclesiastical History, T.C.D.,* drew my attention to S. Julianus, ninety-fourth of the name, noticed in Smith and Wace's "Dictionary of Christian Biography." He was martyred at Brivas, now Brionde, on the Allier, in Auvergne, at the time of the Diocletian persecution, A.D. 303, and was so celebrated, that S. Gregory of Tours occupies the whole of the 56 chapters of his second book, "De Glor. Martyr," in setting forth the miracles ascribed to him. For another account of him by the Bollandists, see AA. SS. Bolland., Augt. vi., p. 169.

"This is, no doubt, the true explanation. I may, perhaps, however, give another, which I received from the Rev. W. Healey, P.P. of Johnstown, Provincial Secretary of the R.S.A.I. for Leinster, translator of the Inquisitions taken in the County Kilkenny. On first thought, it seemed to me ingeniously far-fetched, until it appeared to derive some support from the manners of the times in which Ralph lived."

"It is, that the reference is to Julius, the centurion, mentioned in Acts xxvii. 1-3, as having treated kindly his prisoner, S. Paul. According to this suggestion, the meaning of the clause would be, that in the virtue of humanity to prisoners, this priest Ralph, of Gowran, was in advance of his time; and that readers of the Bible, when composing his epitaph, recognised in him the type of man of whom they considered Julius to be the repre-

* I am indebted to his courtesy for half a day spent in Marsh's Library and the Library of the R.I.A., showing me where to get information.

sentative—the one thing known of Julius being this, that he treated his prisoner kindly.

"The Rev. Mr. Healey was led to this suggestion, I believe, by being unable to find any Julianus in the lists of Irish Saints. Apparently he had not thought of looking amongst foreign saints. Gowran, however, was an Anglo-Norman town; and the Anglo-Normans, knowing little or nothing of the Irish saints, would be familiar with the fame of the French martyr.

"Although the Rev. Mr. Healey's explanation is probably not the correct one, yet some notes on ancient cruelty to prisoners, which I had put together in connection with it, may be of interest here.

"To appreciate the difference between prison life as it is now, and as it was, down even to recent times, one should read the life of John Howard, the Philanthropist, who may be said to have wrought a revolution. What it was, or might be in times nearer to those of Ralph, Sir Walter Scott has made generally known in the story of the Duke of Rothesay (grandson and heir to the famous King Robert Bruce), who was starved to death in the dungeons of Falkland Castle. It is not, perhaps, however, so generally known that starvation to death was a punishment prescribed by English law. During the war with the Bruces in Ireland, 1316-18, John de Lacy, a member of the powerful Anglo-Norman family who were Earls Palatine of Meath, was charged with complicity with the Bruces, and formally sentenced to this punishment. The sentence was put in execution. Another instance will be found in Tennant's "Tour in Wales" (page 162, on Chester Castle). In the 4th year of Edward II., A.D. 1310, Adam, son of John of the Woodhouses, was tried for burning his own houses and carrying away the goods. At the trial, he stood mute. The jury decided that he could speak if he chose, and he was sentenced "ad dietam." After the lapse of some time, the constable of the Castle testified that he was dead. The legal phrase 'ad dietam' appears to have been cruelly ironical, for the diet meant was this:—On the first day, three morsels of the worst bread; on the second day, three draughts of water from the nearest puddle, and so on to the end. The morsels of bad food were meant to excite the frenzied craving of the wretched being day by day, until, by slow degrees, his unimaginable torments ended in death. This was what appears to have been done every now and then in the days of Ralph de Ballygaveran, by form of English law and under the jury system; and these details of the morsels of bread and draughts of water appear to have been suffered by John de Lacy. I have read somewhere (though I have omitted in my note-book to record where) of a person so sentenced, being afterwards liberated, on the ground of having borne the punishment for forty days without suffering what seemed to be the inevitable effects. It was believed that the result was miraculous; but, of course, some humane person—some Julius or Julianus, as he would be called—upon the principle of Mr. Healey's theory, had supplied food surreptitiously.

"Gowran lies in what was formerly the 'Marches of Ballygavern.' It was a border fortress. Within three miles flows the Barrow, and on the farther bank lies the County Carlow, formerly occupied by the 'Irish

enemy,' the Kavanaghs and O'Nolans, who made continual forays, in which their men were doubtless often taken prisoners. If this Ralph were, indeed, a Julianus in Mr. Healey's meaning, he would have abundant opportunity in those rude times of exercising his humanity.

"Light was breaking over Christendom at the date of this epitaph. The Holy Scriptures were being studied by one and another here and there; but I cannot take the word Julianus as indicating that this was so in Gowran. It rather indicates that the veneration of the Anglo-Norman colony was clinging to the memory of the Martyr of Brivas."

(To be continued.)

KING'S COUNTY.

Clonmacnoise.

In writing of the Irish tombstones at Clonmacnoise, in this County, the late Rev. James Graves (in 1855) says:—

"There is no want so much felt by Irish Archaeologists in common with, it may be added, those of England and Scotland, as lists or catalogues of monumental remains in particular localities, each list exhausting the matter to be found in any one spot, and capable of forming themselves, like the pieces of a dissected map, into one complete monumental description of the entire island. Such an undertaking would be too laborious for any one individual; but if, as opportunity offered, a little was done by one and another, each taking a district, or even a single burial-ground, the work would be so far advanced, and each individual contribution would serve to add one stone, at least, to the wished-for structure."

He mentions what Mr. Henry O'Neill had done, and how he had employed an intelligent native to make rubbings for him, and from these Mr. Graves gives the following list of tombstones, with some drawings. Full particulars will be found in the *Journal of the Kilkenny Archaeological Society* for March, 1855, pp. 293 to 303.

He says he is aware of only two writers from whom information may be gleaned respecting the early gravestones of Clonmacnoise, viz., Dr. Petrie and Dr. O'Donovan, and an anonymous writer in the *University Magazine*.

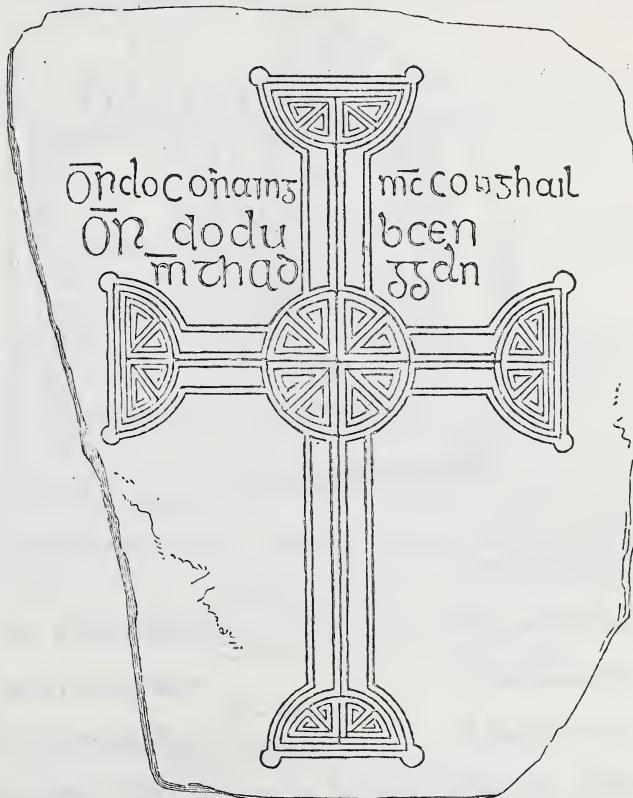
The annexed engravings (for which I am indebted to the kindness of Messrs. Hodges, Figgis and Co., of Grafton-street, Dublin, for permission to reproduce them) represent some of these very ancient and remarkable tombstones with incised

ornamental crosses, and writing in the Irish character, at Clonmacnoise.

Nos. I. and II. are no longer to be found (Mr. Graves says). They are to be included amongst the fifty-seven which were missing in 1869, as mentioned in my report for 1888, page 8.

No. I. was in memory of Suibhne Mc Maelahumai, "one of the three Irishmen who visited Alfred the Great in the year 891."—[Petrie.]

No. II. Mr. Graves calls a very fine cross of the Latin type, commemorating Conaing McConghail and Dubheen McThadzcan,



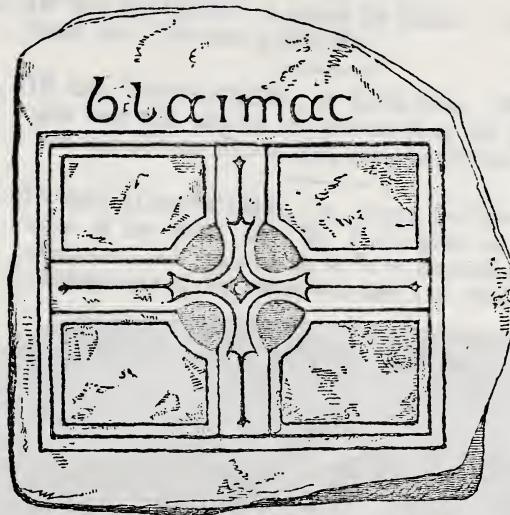
with the usual prefix *Ó*n *d*o. Petrie says that Anaing, son of Conghail, King of Jeffia, died A.D. 821. "Dubheen has not been satisfactorily identified."

No. III. was in Dr. Petrie's own private collection, and is now, I believe, in the National Museum, Kildare-street. A quern appears to have been used for this inscription of the name Sechnatrac.

Of eighteen monuments observed by Mr. O'Neill in 1853, but seven were seen by him in 1854 !

The following are those of which Mr. O'Neill made rubbings :—

1. Blaimac. A Greek (?) cross; probably (Petrie says) the Abbot of Clonmacnoise, in A.D. 891. (See annexed drawing.)



2. OR UR ChlJNDESS. Abbot of Clonmacnoise d. in 724.
[A Latin cross.]

3. OR DO ChOIJUWBAN. [Plain Latin cross.]

4. OR DO CLONDDEN. [Slab imperfect.]

5. [....] CONASSACL [....] [A fragment only.]

6. [Φ]ΛΗΤΗ]. This name occurs frequently in the Irish Annals.
A Greek cross, one band, circle in centre, all within a parallelogram.

7. OR DO ΦΑΝΙΕΙ. A small Greek cross, curiously interlaced.
The cross measures $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches by 11 inches across the arms.

8. OR DO DUBLITJR. This stone bears a small plain Latin cross in front of the inscription.
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9. [OR DO EUΦΗΛΙΣ.?] ΣΤΑΥΡΝΑC. This slab is but a fragment; between the two lines of the inscription appears the lower limb of a Latin cross of two bands, with a plain semicircle at the lower extremity. Endos, Abbot of Kildare, died in 793.
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10. OR UR FJACHRAGh. A prayer for Fiachra. The device on this stone is described as very "like a wheel-window." "Fiachra of Eaglais-beg, or little church, at Clonmacnoise, died in 921."
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11. OR UR FJINDAUN. A prayer for Findan. A Greek cross of one band, &c. This slab is defective.
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12. OR DO FJNNACHTUL. A Latin cross. Dr. O'Donovan suggests that this may be the monument of the monarch of Ireland who reigned from 673 to 693, according to the Four Masters.
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13. OR DO FLANNCHAD. A prayer for Flannchad. A Latin cross of one band, &c. Dr. Petrie gives an engraving of this monument, and supposes it to have commemorated an abbot of Clonmacnoise of that name, who died A.D. 1003.



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14. [OR] DO FOΓAIRT2ICH W + BROENAIN +. A prayer for Fogarty Mac Broenain. A Latin cross of one band, with circle at centre and semicircles at the extremities, all plain, &c.
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15. OR UR SJUAI BJARAIN. A prayer for Gilla Biarain. A Latin cross, &c.

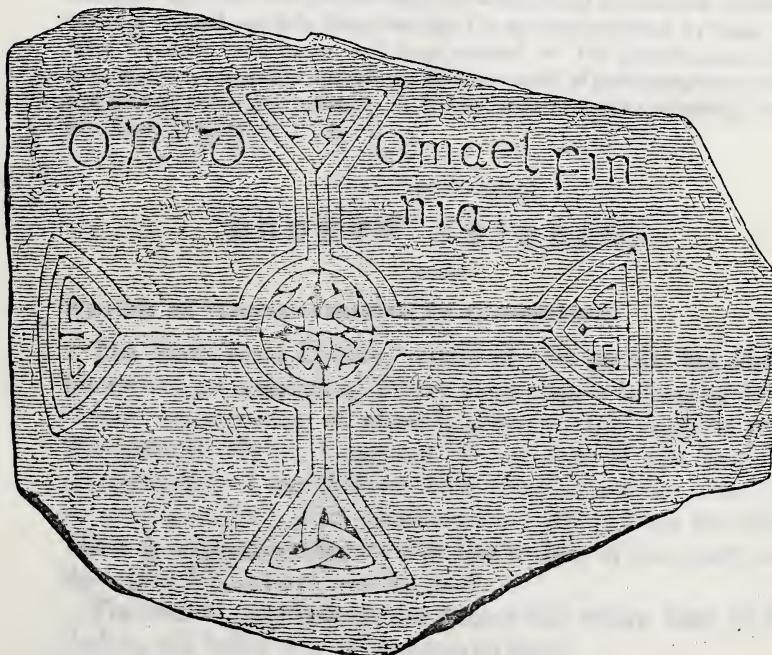
16. [Ó]R DO GIU CHRIST. A prayer for Gill Christ. A Latin cross of one band, &c. This slab is partially covered by the jamb of a pointed recess or niche in the east wall of the churchyard.

17. ÓT AR hueirjne [.....]. A Latin cross of one band. This slab is imperfect.

18. OROJT AR Mael a[.....]. A prayer for Mael a[.....]. A Latin cross of one band, &c.

19. [ÓR DO Mael Chiaran. A prayer for Mael Chiaran. A Latin cross of one band, &c. Slab imperfect.

22. [ÓR DO Mael Finnia. A Greek cross of two bands. Slab imperfect; it was drawn by Dr. Petrie. Mr. Graves says, "When drawn by Petrie, it was more perfect than it is at present." Mutilation again! A Mael Finnia was abbot of Clonmacnoise, and successor of St. Ciaran, the founder. (See Plate.)



Seirkieran Parish.

It is recorded that—

“Queen Anne, desirous of marking her respects and esteem for Seirkieran as one of the oldest churches in England or Ireland, bestowed upon the parish a golden chalice, which it is supposed was stolen many years since, when the church plate was taken, together with that of a gentleman resident in the neighbourhood.”

A vault was broken open in this churchyard “some years prior to 1873, at night, and coffins shamefully injured and flags removed.” Fortunately the perpetrators of this sacrilegious outrage were brought to justice, and imprisoned.

Again we read, that an attempt was made, one fine summer evening, after a funeral, to steal the base of an ancient cross; and it was actually on a car and passing out of the churchyard, when the vicar arrived, and rescued it !!

In speaking of the work of preservation of these ancient records, the writer says:—

“But so far as concerns our fidelity in preserving a trust reposed long centuries ago, we have here an instance—one out of a thousand connected with old Ireland—of how important are the services rendered by those who bring a refined taste, talent, and deep research to the performance of the comparatively thankless and often ‘laborious task of preserving the records and memorials of our country, as it was, with a view to encourage those who know it as it is,’ &c.

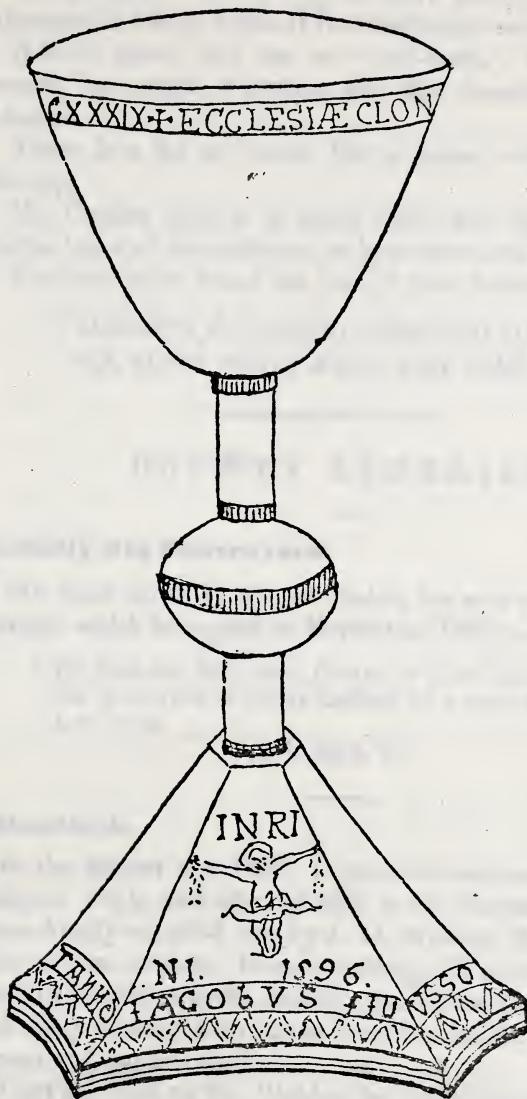
C O U N T Y L E I T R I M .

Parish of Manorhamilton or Cloonclare.

The Rev. Isaac Coulter, rector of this parish, has kindly forwarded me a sketch of a very early chalice belonging to his church, an engraving of which is given on the opposite page. The date is 1596. Engraved on one side of the base is a representation of our Saviour as if hanging on the cross (but no cross is visible), with drops of blood falling from his hands. There is a covering thrown over the middle of the body, and the letters I N R I are over his head.

The ancient inscription runs round the entire base of the chalice, and below it is an ornamental band.

The letters are curiously formed, and the words appear to be a mixture of Latin and Irish (?).



Round the upper edge of the cup is the following inscription :—

“**X** ECCLESIE CLONCLARIENSI D. D. NATHANIEL
COMES DE LEITRIM, ANNO DOMINI MDCCXXXIX.”

This ancient relic is said to have been dug up by some labourers in a bog, while at their ordinary work.

It is of silver, but has no “hall-mark.” Its weight is 12 ounces, its height 8 inches, and the diameter of the cup, 3 inches.

There is a lid or cover, like a paten, which exactly fits the cup.

Mr. Coulter says it is never used, and that “few of our people know of its existence, or have ever seen it.”

The inscription round the base of this chalice is—

“**IACOBVS FIUVSSORI NIMACDO MBNAILL**
ME FIERI FECIT ANNO DNI 1596.”

C O U N T Y L I M E R I C K .

Galbally Old Churchyard.

Mr. John Davis White, of Cashel, has sent me the following epitaph, which he copied in November, 1841 :—

“ Hic jacet dux EDWARDUS BUTLER de Clare obiit et suæ 7 die
Mar A. D. 1739 et conjux Cath ob 57 a suæ 25 die Mar
A. D. 1722.

L. A. E. L. E.”

Kilmallock.

In the Report for 1889, I gave an account of the White Knight's tomb, and also of that to the Burgate family, from notes kindly supplied me by J. H. Weldon, Esq. I now am able to give a plate, from a rubbing, of another remarkable tomb in the abbey here—namely, that to the Verdun-Coppinger and Haly family, with three heraldic shields and arms, also figures and curious devices.

I am indebted to Mr. Weldon for the full-sized rubbing from which the drawing on page 216 is taken.

The stone is 7 feet 7 inches long, and 3 feet 3 inches wide.

The following is the inscription; it runs round the edges of the stone, and near the bottom is in two lines; some of the words are across the stone, above the arms, and also over the two large figures :—

“ D^{no} IOANNI. VERDVNO. |
 EIVSOVERELICIE^S DALSONÆ HALY. CON
 IVCI SVÆ. ILL^S | D^o, WALTERVS COP
 PINGE | R. EQVES AVRATVS. HOC FVN
 ERIS. ET AMORIS MONVMNT |
 VM. POSVIT AN^o Dⁿⁱ | 1627.
 DALSONA HA | LY OBIIT AN^o SALVTIS
 1626. 2^o | OCTOBR(*) : ETATIS SVE 6^o |
 D. IOANNES VERDVN OBIIT AN^o | SALVTIS
 1614 : 19. AVGVSTI. ÆTATIS SVÆ 63.”

Over the coats-of-arms—

SVRGITE. M	|	VENITE. AD : IV
ORTVI.		DICIVM.

The letters are all raised.

Crofton Croker, in his “Researches in the South of Ireland,” 1824, page 65, gives an illustration of two “bas-reliefs” on the Verdon tomb. (See page 217.) He says :—

“It is difficult to imagine more barbarous or grotesque pieces of sculpture than some of the carvings on the tombs exhibit.”

He gives these figures as an illustration, and quotes Ferrar, in his “History of Limerick,” as speaking of the Verdon tomb of “excellent workmanship, and esteemed one of the best in Munster;” and in speaking of the uncouth figures I have sketched, says they are “done in a masterly style in alto-relievo.”

Croker says the FitzGerald tomb is “equally rude with the Verdon. A figure of Death is conspicuously engraven on it, with the hexameter verse”:

‘Non fugiam! prius experiar—Non mors mihi terror.’”

Comparing the Plate, page 216, and the copy of the drawing of the figures as given by Croker in 1824, sixty odd years





appear to have made a remarkable change in them, especially in the faces and heads, which now bear no resemblance to those in Crofton Croker's drawing, the other parts of which can be still identified clearly.

I hope in my next Report to describe the "FitzGerald" tomb, above alluded to.

C O U N T Y L O N D O N D E R R Y .

Parish of Kilrea.

The Rev. William Irwin, Rector of this parish, has lately published in the *Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette* the following

interesting list of the incumbents of the parish since the very early date of 1662 :—

1662	...	...	...	The Rev. Robert Hogg.
1671,* April 6th	...	...	...	Thomas Bunbery.
1675, July 25th	...	...	...	Laurence Clutterbuck.
1725	...	...	...	Stephen Miller.
1731, Sept. 3rd	...	...	...	Michael Sampson.
1747, June 3rd	...	...	...	Andrew Blackhall.
1765	...	...	...	John Gifford.
1771, October	...	...	...	Richard Waddy.
1776, April 10th	...	...	...	John Haughton.
1781	...	...	...	Charles Colthurst.
1785, May 3rd	...	...	...	Robert Graham.
1794, Jan. 11th	...	...	...	Joseph Sandys.
1798, August 29th	...	...	...	Oliver M'Causland.
1806, March 8th	...	...	...	John Waddy.
1838,† Sept. 15th	...	...	...	Thomas Lindsay.
1847, Nov. 23rd	...	...	...	John H. Miller.
1858,‡ March 30th	...	...	...	George Smith.
1869, Feb. 13th	...	...	...	Thomas Olphert.
1875	...	...	...	George Gage, A.B.
1887, May	...	...	...	William Irwin, the present rector, formerly incumbent of Kilmmean, Diocese of Ross.

I shall be glad to receive similar lists to the above, for publication. It would increase the interest in them if the previous and subsequent preferments held by each clergyman were inserted as far as possible.

The Rev. William Reynell has kindly sent me the following epitaphs from Derry Cathedral, Desertmartin, Tamlaght Ard, and Tamlaght Finlagan in this county :—

TAMLAGHT FINLAGAN OLD CHURCH.

“ GUSTAVUS HAMILTON qui pro virile per annos xxiii ingratiss
profuit Hic tandem requiescit ob Jul 9 1795 at 72.”

“ Under this stone are deposited the Remains of the Rev.
WILLIAM HAMILTON, who departed this Life April 20,
1804, aged 38.”

* This is printed 1661 in the list I have copied, but it is evidently a clerical error.

† Afterwards incumbent of Kildrumferton, Kilmore.

‡ Afterwards incumbent of Urney, and Canon of Derry.

DERRY CATHEDRAL.

"The Very Reverend JOHN HUME, A.M., Dean of Derry,
died January 14, 1818, aged 75. JANE HUME died
January 15th, 1827, aged 82."

DESERTMARTIN OLD CHURCHYARD.

"Here lyeth the Body of the Revnd ROBERT BRYAN, who died
March ye 16, 1776, aged 66 years. He was Rector of the
United Parishes of Desertmartin and Kilcronaghan 36
years. Also ELIZABETH BRYAN, otherwise JEFFREYS, his
wife, who died March ye 19, 1776, aged 68 years."

TAMLAGHT ARD OLD CHURCH.

"Here lieth the Body of ROBERT BACON, Esquire, who died
the 21st of January, [174⁶], aged 88 years. Also the
Body of HESTER BACON, his wife, who died the [23] of
December, 17[50], aged 76 years. Also the Body of their
son the Reverend BENJAMIN BACON, D.D., who died the
2nd of May, 1772, aged 73 years. Also the Body of
ROBERT BACON, Esquire, son to the Reverend Doctor
Bacon,* who died the 17th of August [1760], aged 23
years."

C O U N T Y . L O U T H .**Drogheda.****ST. MARY'S CHURCH.**

The Rev. George T. Stokes, D.D., has sent me the following,
from a MS. in Marsh's Library, Dublin:—

"There were in this Church three Chapels, viz., that of the Blessed
Mary, St. Katherine's, and St. Patrick's. There were also three Bells,
which were made in the year 1418 by William Symcocks and Hagar his
wife." This extract is taken from the Annals of St. Mary's, in the
custody of Robert Ware [son of Sir James Ware].

Can any of my readers inform me what has become of these
"Annals"?—[Ed.]

* Dr. Bacon was ex-Fellow T.C.D. The bracketed dates are taken from the Parish Register.

Dromiskin.

The annexed drawing of a tombstone in the churchyard of Dromiskin, County Louth, is from an etching by Major-General Stubbs, of Dromiskin House. He says :—

“ It is evidently the work of a local stonemason, on a slab of greywacke slate.”

The letters at the side, O.B.M., probably stand for “ Ora beata Maria.”

“ The figure at the foot of the cross is apparently intended for the Virgin Mary, and the cloak she wears is curiously like the hooded cloak commonly used with the peasantry till not very long ago.”

C O U N T Y M A Y O .

Parish of Aughaval, or Westport.

[From W. E. Kelly, Esq., Westport.]

Inscription in Aughaval graveyard, about two miles from Westport :—

“ HERE LYES THE | BODY OF RICHAR |
D WINTER WHO | DYED THE 1 · OF |
NOVMBER ANNO | 1706 AGED 46 | AND
THE BODY | OF NATHANIEL | WINTER
HIS F | AATHER WHO EX | PIRED THE
31 · OF | MARCH · 1708 · | AGED · 80 · | ”

“The letters are raised—the only one of the kind in the burial-ground ; all the other inscriptions are incised.

“ It is a very ancient burial-ground, with remains of two chapels in it. There was formerly in it a stone with two concave depressions, said to be the marks of the knees of St. Patrick.

“ This stone was perfect some years since, but it is now broken, and one-half of it has disappeared.”

[The same story everywhere—mutilation and robbery.]

Mr. Kelly says :—

“ There is a holy well close by, in which lived a “ holy ” trout that never left it, though there is a running stream from it. Alas ! I found to-day it was not there ! I saw it frequently from 1865 to 1880. It was regularly striped with white streaks about an inch wide.

“ The story runs, that, in 1848, a soldier caught it and brought it to Westport Barracks, and put it on a gridiron, but it jumped from there to the well, where it was seen next morning, and ever after retained the marks of the bars of the “ gridiron ” ! Such is the story all the country people tell.”

C O U N T Y M E A T H .

Navan Parish.

Plate.—The plate is inscribed : “ Originally given by Thomas Meredyth, Esqre., Recorder, for the use of the Church of Navan ; renewed by the Parish in 1786.”

It consists of a plain chalice and paten. The marks are : HIBERNIA —
0 — RB.

[I cannot find out when Thomas Meredyth was Recorder of Navan, but am informed that the "o" on the plate stands for 1734-5.]

Bells.—The following inscription is on the bells:—"William Dawson fecit, Downham, Norfolk, England, 1822."

There is a smaller bell, with the date "1819," but no inscription.

The old corporation presented a bell, which has disappeared. It was given to them by Joseph Preston, M.P., in 1768. The corporation gave it to the parish.

Knock Graveyard.

JAMES CARPENTER, of Legga, 28th April, 1837, aged 48.

JOHN CARBERRY, of Killeary, 23rd June, 1831, aged 66.

His son THOMAS, April 10, 1833, aged 27.

EDWARD PLUNKET, April, 1803, aged 55.

TERENCE REID, of Knock, 29th July, 1826, aged 74.

MICHAEL BRADY, in memory of his father, HUGH BRADY,
died January 4, 1758, aged 70.

ALEXR. LAUR. & THOS., sons of said HUGH.

LAUR. died November 3rd, 1760, aged 19.

THOS. March 1, 1779, aged 60.

M. F. 1813. [MA]Y

god Rest HIS

[M. Flood.]

SOUL in PEACE.

JAMES FARELLY, January 4th, 1709.

CHRISTOPHER DOYLE, January, 1748, aged 20.

THOMAS DOYLE, August, 1753, aged 20.

Their brother EDWARD, April, 1759, aged 20.

Erected by . . . DOYLE . . .
to the above mentioned.

Erected by the Rev. RICHARD KIEN, of New York,
in memory of his beloved mother, MARGARET KIEN,
who died 8th April, 1855, aged 75 years.

[From Joseph H. Moore.]

Knock is small, and but little used. The above are all the inscriptions.

The cross at Knock is a poor affair; the ornamentation is some kind of lozenge pattern—not spiral or scroll; it stands upright, but is quite loose—there appears to be about a foot of it under ground. Its height above ground is 3 feet, the stem is 10 inches wide, and the circular front of the head 14 inches.

[From Jos. H. Moore.]

Staffordstown.

In the ruined chapel of Staffordstown, of which only a vault remains, is a mural tablet bearing a coat-of-arms and the following inscription on each side :—

“ Sir THOMAS CUSACK, Knight, changed this life the first
of April, 1571, his son Godfrey ”

This tablet is mentioned by Cogan.

At Nevinstown, near Navan, is the shaft of a cross, formerly beside a road which has been disused, so that the cross now stands in a field as a rubbing-post for cattle. The inscription is :—

“ M Cusa | ci] armig | eri et | Margar | etæ de | xter ux |
oris em | sac he | red eo | ru qui | hanc cr | uce fece |
rnt [ano] | dni 1588 | quoru | anima | bus prop | icietur |
Deus | ”

On the opposite side the lower part of a coat-of-arms, and the initials MC. MD. This cross is mentioned by Cogan.

Cogan mentions a cross to Sir Thos. Cusack, at Lismullen, but I have not seen it.

[From Mr. Jos. H. Moore, C.E.]

Rathmore.

THE PLUNKET TOMBS.

“ Sir Alexander died in 1503.

“ The broken altar-tomb beneath the chancel window in this church is his.

“ The knight's effigy is clad in that mixed armour of plate and mail that was worn in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. His vizor is open, and his feet rest on a dog, the emblem of fidelity.

“ Round the ledge of the tomb runs a black-letter inscription, much defaced, and in very contracted Latin; but the name of Plunket is distinctly legible.

“ The figure of a lady once reclined beside the knight, but it was broken to pieces by the female peasants, and ground into scouring sand [!!!]

"Sir Alexander's eldest son married the Lady Catherine Preston, daughter of Lord Gormanstown, but was childless.

"His tombstone lies near Sir Alexander's monument; its black letter Latin inscription records his death on 5th March, 1531.

"The stone bears two shields. one impaling Plunket and Preston, the other Preston and Molyneux (the parents of Lady Catherine whose name is on the tomb, but no date of her death).

&c. &c. &c.

"On the south wall, near Sir Alexander's tomb, is a slab, formerly placed over the N. door of the church, where its vacant place is visible; it has a black-letter inscription in abbreviated Latin, dated 1519." *

[The translation follows.]

Navan.

Mr. Jos. H. Moore writes :—

"I have copied all the inscriptions in Navan Church and Churchyard; they are not of much interest, and there are none older than 1700. The older monuments were destroyed in the troubles of 1641 and after.

"The inscriptions on five are preserved in Bishop Dopping's Report, viz., Nangle, Manning, Smyth, John *Man* (?), and John Wakely."

The Rev. Geo. T. Stokes, Librarian of Archbishop N. Marsh's Library, Dublin, has kindly sent me notes on tombs that formerly were in the Church of the Virgin Mary in Navan; also on the Cruis monument, at Nobber. [See my Report for 1888, page 27].

The notes are taken from Bishop Dopping's "Visitation Return from the Diocese of Meath," about 1694, and are similar to what I have given in my Report for 1888; more will appear in a future Report.

Nobber. (See page 27.)

Bishop Dopping describes the Nobber tombs, of whom some mention has been made, in his "Visitation Book," p. 52, above referred to :—

"Nobyr. This Rectory was united from ancient times to the Archdeaconry of Kells, and by Henry VIII. to the Bishoprick of Meath, with the Chapels of Enneskeen and Ardagh.

"There is a glebe-house and garden in Nobyr, but no glebe."

* From "Rathmore and its Traditions," by M. E. M., 1854.

C O U N T Y M O N A G H A N .

The Rev. Canon Bradshaw has kindly sent me the following inscriptions from the County Monaghan :—

Parish of Inniskeen.

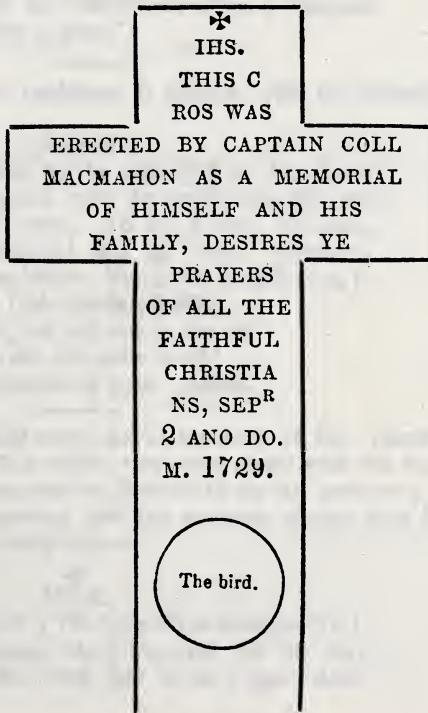
On a stone inserted in wall over the opening into a vault or mortuary chapel, near S.E. end of the cemetery, is the following inscription in capital (Roman) letters :—



I H S.

“ THIS CHAPEL^L WAS | BUILT BY ARDELL
M | AC COLL MACMA | HON FOR HIMSEL |
FE AND HIS FAME | LLY IN THE YEAR |
ANNO DOM. 1672.”

It may be stated here in connection with the family burial-place of the MacMahon sept (to whom the whole barony of Farney belonged in Elizabeth's reign, and on confiscation was granted to the Earl of Essex, her Deputy in Ireland), that there is a stone cross built into a wall on the roadside, a few perches distant from the churchyard, having the annexed inscription (also in capitals) :—



At the bottom the figure of an ostrich is cut, being the heraldic bearing of the MacMahons. I have been told that many years ago the above stone was placed beside the mortuary chapel, in the churchyard.

It is much to be regretted that a flat tombstone, which Mr. E. P. Shirley, in “History of Farney,” notices as being (1845) in the open vault adjoining the first-mentioned one of Ardell MacColl

MacMahon, is not now (1891) to be seen there. He gives the following inscription :—

“Here lieth the body of the Rev^d Father ROSS MACMAHON,
Doctor of the Canon and Civil Law, Lord Abbot of
Clonniish, Vicar-General of the Diocess of Clogher, Rector
of Donamine and Enniskeen, who departed this life June
the 6th, 1722, aged 72 years. Requiescat in pace.”

Upon a large flat stone at W. of the entrance to the two vaults, we read thus :—

“Sacred
to the memory of the | Rev^d BERNARD MACMAHON, Sec.
Priest, | Born at Castlering, and | educated in Louth. |
He completed his collegiate course | of Divinity &c., at
Antwerp, | was affiliated into and made a Canon | of the
Archdiocese of Dublin, | where he died | at his Chapel in
Hardwick-street, | on the 20th of Sep^r 1816, | in the 80th
year of his age. | His numerous literary works, | as Author
and Editor, | will continue more lasting monuments | of
his multifarious learning, | than this frail stone, | erected
to his memory, | by his affectionate Niece | Margaret
MacMahon. Requiescat in pace.”

Just alongside of the above tombstone is another, with the following words inscribed :—

“Erected |

by Miss Jane MacMahon to the memory | of her dearly
beloved sister MARGARET, who departed | this life 5th
January, 1843, aged 9 years. To her Father, Mr. COLL
MACMAHON, | who departed this life 20th November,
1820, | and also to her Mother, Mrs. ALICE MACMAHON, |
who departed this life 12th October, 1837.

‘Distressed to part, but welcome be the call

Of God, who one day will unite us all.’

(At bottom of the stone) Requiescant in pace. Amen.”

Near the foot of the preceding stone, and at the head of Rev. Bernard MacMahon's (having been in holy orders, they were placed with the head to the east, and therefore in the opposite direction to the lay members), is a headstone, just outside the opening into the mortuary chapel, built by Ardell in 1672, bearing this inscription :—

†
I H S.

“Here under interred lyeth | The body of the Reverend Fa |
ther BRYAN MACMAHON, who | Departed this life May
the 16 | th, and in the 25th year of his | Age. Anno
Dominii 1715.”

"On the north side of the church, another (flat) stone bears the following inscription (beneath the MacMahon coat of arms and crest [Ostrich] having a palm branch on each side of the heraldic sculpture):—

"Here lies the Body of ANTHONY
only son of PATRICK MACMAHON
of Fe...gr:..... who departed
this life the day of December
1767 in the 1... year of his age."

The blanks, with dots, contained what is now illegible."

"On a tomb-stone between west end of church and church-yard gate, on north side of the walk, the words are inscribed (under I.H.S. in a circle)—

"Here lieth the Body of M^r RICH^D
KINDRICK late of Haggardstown in
the County of Louth Gentⁿ who
Departed this life the 5th of June
1786 aged 52 years."

(No one of the name is now known in neighbourhood.)

"On a small white marble mural tablet, inserted in a wall that surrounds the sexton's family burial place, just beside the county road, and can be read from it, is this comforting and hopeful memorial of the aged sisters of my respected predecessor, incumbent of this parish (strangers to this part of Ireland)—"

"ALICIA and MARIA M'CORMICK
sleep here in Jesus.
Feby. 1880."

"We have a good hope because of Thy Word."

St. John xi. 26, 27.

"There is a walled-in burying-ground of the Plunket family (formerly of Rock Savage, collateral branch of Lord Louth's family), having a cross above the arch surmounting the entrance, with the date 1764 upon it. In this enclosure are some headstones, and one in form of an Irish cross, made of granite; but, as the access to them is difficult, I cannot at present get near enough to take copies of the inscriptions upon them. I will endeavour to obtain a copy of each, at some other time."

"On the N. side of the church are two flat stones, bearing these words.
That nearest the church—"

"Here lieth the body of Mrs. ANN
NOBLE wife of Adam Noble of Long-
field in the Co. of Monaghan
Esq. who departed this life the
Eighth day of May 1773 in the
43rd year of her age
and also three of her children, Mary
Louisa and John."

On the other stone is inscribed, under the family arms (obliterated)—

"Here lyethe the remains of BRABAZON NOBLE of Donamoine Esq,
who was born the 20th of April 1700 and died the 2nd
October 1766, and MARGARET (Clement) his wife who died
the 11th of October 1777 aged 66, and of THOMAS his son
who died 27th of April 1780 aged 46."

"There are several headstones of persons in humbler rank of life (farming class), having only their names, with dates of decease and age, but nothing worth recording.

One of the old 'Round Towers of Ireland' stands in the churchyard, about 80 feet remaining in good preservation, having been repaired at the top some fifty or sixty years ago, and the uppermost course rendered perfect.

The only portion of the ancient Monastery of Inniskeen (near the present R. C. church) is the arched gateway into the bawn or place for the cattle. It is a perfect Gothic arch, and has within the top of it the impression of the wattles which formed the gates, in the cement above, plainly visible.

WILLIAM H. BRADSHAW,
Incumbent of Inniskeen.

9th May, 1891.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

Tullore.

"This is the site of an ancient church, which heretofore gave name to a parish. Here are interred the Rev. John MacMahon, formerly curate of Mountrath, who died February 7th, 1850, aged 39 years; and the Rev. Luke Mooney, who died September 26th, 1840, aged 40 years.

Another tomb is also deserving of notice—it is that of John Mulcahy, doctor in medicine, who died in 1704, aged 97, and is here interred in his native soil. The inscription is a lengthened one, in Latin; the stone is

broken, and the fragments misplaced, so that it was a task of much difficulty to obtain it in full; it is as follows:—”

“Exuviae JOANNIS MULCAHY peritissimi in medicina doctoris,
qui, Gallia, Italiaque quondam peragratus, in hoc tandem
ejus natali solo, aetatis suae anno 97, ac Christi Redemptoris
anno 1704, ex hac vita migravit. Hunc tumulum ac
versicula filius ejus Nicolaus incidentum curavit.

“Hoc jacet in busto Phœbi celebratus Alumnus,
Quo sospes multis sospite vita fuit;
Quique alii toties Lethi ferale venenum,
Abstulit, heu! Lethi vulnere victus fuit.
Hic tamen integrum condit, ne crede viator,
Sola sub hoc tumulo pulvis et ossa manent;
Parteque meliore vigens nunc mortuus ille
Exorat precibus. Lector adauge preces.

JOANNÆ COMERFORD, UXORIS EJUSDEM, EPITAPHIUM.*

Sociamque thori Joannam meminisci juvabit,
Quæ pariter sacro hoc marmore clausa jacet;
Unus amor vivis, Defunctis una voluntas,
Esse simul. Cinerem jam cinis optat idem.
Et vos Christiani similique Numine junxit
Vera fides, animis vota precesque date.

Obiit illa, anno aetatis suae 72, ac Christi Redemptoris, 1715.”

[From the Most Rev. Dr. M. COMERFORD,
Coadjutor Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin.]

TRANSLATION.

The remains of John Mulcahy, most skilful doctor of medicine, who, having previously travelled in France and Italy, at length passed out of this life, in this land of his nativity, in the 97th year of his age, and in the year of Christ our Redeemer 1704. His son Nicholas erected this tomb and inscribed this verse.

In this tomb lies illustrious disciple of Phœbus,
Who, a preserver of many, enjoyed a healthy life,
And who often warded off the fatal poison of death
From others, alas! was vanquished by the dart of death.
Yet, traveller, do not believe that he is hidden here:
Only his dust and bones remain within this single tomb,
And now, vigorous (?) in death, he begs your prayers
for his better part.

Reader, increase thy prayers.

* Of Joanna Comerford's epitaph, a friend writes—"Line 1 is one of the worst hexameters I ever saw! but the idea in the 3rd and 4th lines is good."

EPITAPH OF JOANNA COMERFORD, HIS WIFE.

It will delight him to remember Joanna, the companion of his couch,
 Who lies similarly entombed beneath this sacred stone.
 To be always one wife to the living one pleasure to the dead (?)
 Now their ashes are willingly mingled and the true faith of the Christian, and in a common religion, has united you, (?) grant to their souls your vows and prayers.

She died in the 72nd year of her age, A.D. 1715.

Portarlington.

"CY GIT

ANTOINE FLEURY, PASTEUR DE LA
 PAROSSE DE COOLBANAGHER
 PENDANT PLUS DE 40 ANS. DÉCÉDE
 LE 10 AVRIL 1801."

"CY GIT AUSSI

RICHARD DOWDALL ECUYER
 DÉCÉDE LE HUITIÈME JUILLET 1804."

The above are from a tombstone in the churchyard of the parish church of Portarlington [not the French Church].

The letters are Roman character; some of the words are not very legible.

[From Mr. J. G. Robertson.]

The Very Rev. James Lyster, Dean of Ontario, and formerly Dean of Leighlin, has sent me the following copy of an epitaph in Llangenhafer churchyard, Denbighshire, which I only insert as it relates to a gentleman formerly connected with the Queen's County, whose descendants still reside there:—

"Underneath
 lieth the body of EDWARD COOPER, of Cooper's Hill
 in the Queen's County, Esq. who departed this life
 the 17th day of February 1797, aged 63.
 He was married to Miss Sarah Clibborn, daughter
 of Robert Clibborn of Wheelam Grove, in the County
 of Kildare, Esq., by whom he left two sons, William
 and Edward, and one daughter, Anne."

Sleaty.

" Two miles west of Carlow is the interesting old churchyard of Sleaty ; portions of the four walls of the church are still standing, outside of which are two very roughly-made and primitive-looking stone crosses—one very tall and the other short ; neither have any carving on them. Inside the church ruins, in the S.E. corner, lies a large tombstone, with this inscription clearly cut in it :—"

HIC IACENT EXUVIÆ
 EDWARDI SKELTON NEC : NON
 BRIGITÆ FITZSIMONS : ITEM
 PATRICIJ ET NICHOLAI SKELTON
 AD SPEM LÆTE RESVRRECTIONIS
 IN MANV DOMINI DEPOSITÆ
 IN HAC QVONDAM MAIORVM
 SVORUM TERRA, EQVA VIVI
 EXVLABANT MORTVI QVIESCVNT
 qvi AVITAM DEO RELIGIONEM
 GRATAM PATRIÆ CHARITATEM
 FIDUM PRINCIPÍ OBSEQVIVM
 DEBITAM OMNIBUS IVSTITIAM
 SEMPER SERVARE STVDVERVNT
 TVEIS LECTOR PRECARE IN
 DOMINO REQVIEM ET VITAM
 ÆTERNAM AVGST 2^D 1709."

TRANSLATION.

Here lie the remains (literally "spoils") of Edward Skelton, and also of Bridget Fitzsimons, likewise of Patrick and Nicholas Skelton, placed in the hand of the Lord in the hope of a joyful resurrection. In this, which was formerly the land of their forefathers, (but) from which in life they were exiles, they rest in death. (They) who ever strove to maintain—towards God hereditary piety, towards their country grateful love, towards their ruler faithful loyalty, towards all due justice. Reader, do thou beseech for them rest in the Lord and eternal life. August 2nd, 1709.

W. FITZGERALD.

This was a rectory in the diocese of Leighlin, barony of Slewmary or Slievemargy.

" There was an abbey here, over which St. Aid presided ; he died in 698 ; his festival is on the 12th October. This place was formerly called Slieb-teagh."—(Seward, 1795.)

C O U N T Y S L I G O .

Sligo Abbey.

Founded in 1252, by Maurice FitzGerald; rebuilt about 1416.

HIC JACET · CORMACUS · OCREAN · ET M'SEION ·

AC · M'HEIN · ASHA · UXOR · ET · M'SEION · OCREAN · ET M'SEION ·

HIC · JACET · CORMACUS · OCREAN · ET M'SEION · AC · FARAENGASA · UXOR · EIS · ANO · D'U · MCCCCC VI.

The annexed inscription (for permission to reproduce which I am indebted to Colonel Wood-Martin; the original engraving will be found in his "History of Sligo," 1603-1688) represents that on the fine altar-tomb of the O'Creans, in the north wall of the nave, under a richly-ornamental arched canopy :—

"The inscription runs along the top of the decorated front slab. The letters M'S are nearly illegible. Later tablets are inserted in the recess; one of these bears the date 1616 over the coat-of-arms and crest of the O'Creans. On the dexter side is a wolf rampant between three hearts, with the initials A. C., supposed to be those of Andrew Crean.

The sinister half is ermine, a chevron—colour not apparent—with the initials E. F. alongside, evidently those of Crean's wife, who was supposed to be Ellen Flynn. The crest appears to be a demi-wolf rampant, holding between his paws a heart; beneath is cut, in an irregular manner, the following inscription, which would seem to contain a play upon the name Crean :—

COR · MVNDVM · CREA · IN · ME · DEVS ·
ET · SPIRITVM · RECTVM · IN · NOVA ·
IN · VISCRIBVS · MEIS ·

TRANSLATION.

Create in me a worldly heart (!!), O God, and renew a right spirit within my breast.—(See Psalm li, ver. 10.)"

The **AC** in this inscription is, according to the late W. M. Hennessy, the mediæval form of the Irish **OÍS**, *i.e.*, "young."

The name of O'Crean's wife, **FARAENGASA**, is, according to the same authority, also a mediæval form of a well-known woman's name, **Faraensur**.

The annexed engraving is also reproduced and inserted by permission of Col. Wood-Martin, from the same book. He says (p. 70):—

“ Inserted in the south wall of the choir is an elaborate monument, erected to O’Conor and his wife.

The mural tablet is surmounted by a representation of the Crucifixion. The superior compartment contains the crest and coat-of-arms of the



O’Conor family, flanked by two figures, the one bearing a sword, the other a key, thereby denoting probably the Apostles Peter and Paul. The pilasters are ornamented with winged heads, trophies, and skulls. To the left, the trophy consists of a drum, flag, and axe; below it, a shield, swords, and musket; to the right is an open book, with a spade and torch over a censer or thurible. At the base appears a winged hour-glass, amidst an elaborate arrangement of floral and other ornamentations.

To the left the shields display the coat-of-arms of O'Conor, and to the right, that of his wife.

In the central portion of the monument, the effigy of O'Conor is represented in a kneeling position, clad in full arnour, save his helmet, which is placed behind him. To the right, and facing him, kneels his wife, with long flowing robes and a full ruff, her hair dressed in the lofty style of the period.

Immediately underneath the figures of O'Conor and his wife, is this inscription :—

“ HIC . JACET . FAMOSISSIMVS . MILES .
 SLIGIÆ . DOMINVS . CVM . SVA VXORE .
 COMITISSA . DESMONIAE . QVI . ME . FIE
 MARITI . QVI . OBIIT . II AVG . A° 1602 .
 COMITIS . DESMONIAE . NOIE . ELIZABE
 FVIT . HOC . IN TVMVLO . 3I . NOVEM . ”

“ DONATVS . CORNELIANVS COMITATVS .
 ILLVSTRISSIMA . DNA . ELIONORA . BVTLER .
 RI . FECIT . A° 1624 . POST MORTE . SVI .
 ITM . EIVS . FILIA . ET . PRIN . MARIT . VIZ .
 THA . VALDE . VIRTVOSA . DNA . SEPVLTA .
 ANNO . DOMINI . 1623 . ”

The other inscriptions are now almost illegible.”

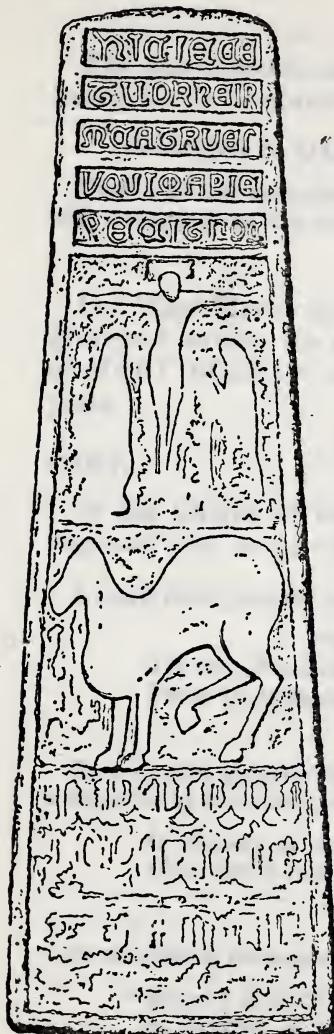
“ Lying against the chancel wall there are two slabs, about 24 inches each way, with armorial bearings carved on them. On the first appears to be the coat-of-arms of the Barjada family of Jones; the second slab bears the arms of the O'Creans, with those of a different family of Jones, impaled: dexter, a wolf rampant between three human hearts, for O'Crean; sinister, a lion rampant, for Jones. Above is the date 1625, and underneath the following quaint inscription :—

“ Wee two are one by his Decree,
 That reigneth from Eternity ;
 Who first erected, have these stones,
 We Robuere Crean Elica Jones.”

I have in my possession an engraving of this monument, dated 1793, from a drawing by D. Grose. In this engraving the centre shield appears to bear a female pig, with a coronet over it. The countess also has a coronet on her head.

The inscriptions are not given.

By the kind permission of Col. Wood-Martin I am able to insert the very curious memorial slab represented in the engraving. The following is its history, as given by Col. Wood-Martin :—



SCALE ABOUT 1. 12TH

“When sinking a grave in the chancel, an interesting memorial slab was recently discovered about 3 feet beneath the present surface; its length is 5 feet 10 inches by 2 feet 6 inches in breadth at top, and 2 feet 10 inches at bottom of slab, which is surmounted by a bevelled edge an inch and a-half in width; the inscription, in raised character, is as follows:—

“HIC · JACE | T ·
UORDAIN | McC ·
CATRVE · S | UA · UX
MARIA · FECIT · HOC.”

“Here lies Jordan MacCathrue,
His wife Maria made this.”

“A portion of the letter R in Maria appears to be deficient. The surname Cathrew is stated to exist still in the Co. Galway, but is not known to have been common in the Co. Sligo. The Crucifixion, and the representation of a camel—bearing a great resemblance to the animal carved on the cross at Drumcliff, in this county,—are specially interesting.”

Col. Wood-Martin says that Mr. W. F. Wakeman is of opinion that this slab formed at one time the lid of a stone coffin.

“There is no date, but the character of the inscription clearly indicates the fifteenth century.

In form the lettering closely resembles the celebrated record still to be seen on Devenish Island, the period of which is A.D. 1449.”

The arrival of a camel in Ireland in 1472, is mentioned, Col. Wood-Martin says, by the "Four Masters."

This monument stands under the fifth window from the east end of the choir.

The fine fifteenth century (?) altar in this abbey has an inscription, in Lombardic letters, thus :—

" IOHAN[NES O'GRAIAN] ME - FIERI - FE CIT."

There is a blank space between the E and the C of Fecit. The stone with the surname on it is not now to be found.

Col. Wood-Martin mentions also a plain slab of slate in the graveyard outside the abbey walls, commemorating the death of MARY BOELAN, at the very extraordinary age of 144 years.

Calry.

In the Church of Calry, on the north side of the river of Sligo and close to the "Green Fort," I found the following :—

A mural tablet next the communion table :—

" To the Memory of
The Rev. WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, A.M., Curate of this
Parish 18 years, died 29 March, 1840, aged 46 years."

On a beautiful alabaster reading-desk, and on an octagonal font which is supported by four pillars, with a black marble base, is inscribed :—

In Memory of ANNE CHRISTIAN, born 8th October,
1805, died 3 July, 1889.

On the right of the communion table :—

" Sacred | to the Memory of the | Right Hon^be JOHN
A. WINNE, of Haslewood, who departed this life
on the 9 day of June, 1865, aged 64 years. Erected
by the Tenants of the Haslewood Estates."

[Crest and motto over.]
" NON SIRI SED TOTI."

On the south wall:—

“ In Memory of
Captain and Brevet-Major SAMUEL CHRISTIAN, 31st
Regt., who died in London on 16 Augt., 1873, aged
44 years.

Erected by his brother officers, | by whom he was
sincerely and deservedly regretted.”

A brass:—

“ IN LOVING MEMORY
Of EDWARD ROWAN, of Coghy, in this
Parish, who died 20 Novr., 1882, in the 80th
year of his age.”

“ For ever with the Lord.”

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

“ The just shall live by faith.”

“ Here lieth the remains of Lieut. | Colonel GILBERT
ELLIOTT, of the 47th Regt., | who departed this life
Sept. 6th, 1836, | aged 45 years | Also the remains
of his son, THOS ELLIOTT, who died Oct. 5th, 1835,
aged 13 years.”

JAMES CALDWELL,

Rev. DAY, Rector,

“ Beneath this stone
Are deposited the | Remains of Asst.-Surgeon JNO.
FAWCETT, of the 24th Regiment, | who departed this
life on the 6th February, 1823, | aged 32 years. | ”

[This is a coffin-shaped tombstone.]

Captain JAMES HAMILTON, departed this life 27th
Decr., 1766, aged 39.

“ Tho' Boreas' blasts and Neptune's waves
Have tossed me to and fro,
In spite of both, by God's decree,
I harbour here below;
And tho' at anchor here I lie
With many of our fleet,
I must one day set sail again
Our Saviour Christ to meet.”

.....GHTER
EDWARD D: GREENE OF SLIGO
WHO DECEASED THIS LIFE
24 OF OCTOBER 1675 □ P. S.

[This tombstone is broken ; the inscription is in large raised letters.]

ARTHUR IRWIN, Esqre., late of Willow-bank, died 23
 Octr., 1801, aged 54 (?) years. RICHARD IRWIN
 died Feby. 1857, aged 77.

Col. Wood-Martin gives the following inscription in his
 "History of Sligo," 1889 :—

"Sir Roger Jones, Constable of Sligo, died in 1637, and was buried in
 St. John's Church. His monument there is in a very dilapidated con-
 dition, broken into fragments, of which several pieces are missing. The
 principal inscription—also fragmentary—is round the edge of the slab, and
 is as follows :—

V . . . IN - SEPVLTVRVM IS - SVÆ
 [AN]NO - DOMINI - 1637 ATIS - SVÆ

The central inscription also is broken, and is in great part illegible.
 The slab measures 8 feet 3 inches by 3 feet 6 inches. To the right
 reposes the effigy of the knight, with legs crossed, sword by his side, and
 his helmet above; to the left is the effigy of his wife, in what is commonly
 known as the Elizabethan dress; the crest and arms are above.

The monument appears to have been originally inserted in a wall."

Colonel KNOX BARRETT, of Rathanna, Sligo, died 10
 July, 1882, aged 99 years.

[He was a Waterloo officer.]

PAUL DAWSON, of Dublin, Esqre., died 26 Novr., 1820.

Parish of Kilglass.

The annexed drawing (for
 which I have to thank Col.
 Wood-Martin) represents the
 Wood crest on a tombstone in
 the old church of Kilglass,
 barony of Tyreragh.

"The inscription" (Col. Wood-
 Martin says) "is much defaced,
 and partly illegible." He believes
 it originally was (in raised letters)—



SCALE OF FEET

**"CORNET THOMAS WOOD, OF COOTES
REGIMENT OF HORSE, DIED 1692."**

He attained the age of 90 years, or upwards.

"The country people took the crest to be a representation of a naked child holding a chisel; it really is the Wood crest, viz., 'A naked savage with a club resting on his shoulder.'"

The inscription now reads—

'Cornet James Wood, of Cootes Regiment of Horse, died 1692.'

"A mistake was made in the Christian name."

C O U N T Y T I P P E R A R Y .

Parish of Clonmel.

I have to thank Mrs. Bagwell, of Marlfield, and Mr. William Clarke, of Clonmel, for their kindness in sending me

the following inscriptions, one of which dates from early in the fifteenth century, and the others from the sixteenth and beginning of the seventeenth centuries.

The annexed sketch is extremely interesting, from the accurate details it gives of the dress, armour, &c. It is in the Franciscan Friary yard. The following is the inscription, in old English, and runs round the edges of the stone, which is 7 feet long and 4 feet broad at the head.

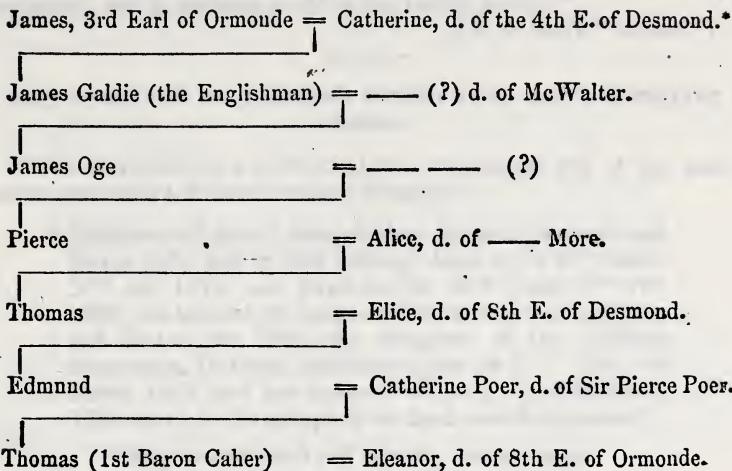
The figures are raised in high relief :—



"*Hic jacet Jacobus Galdy filius comitis ormonie anno
domini 1431 obiit petrus buttyller * * * * * "chriiiii"
thomas petri buttyller anno domini mccccclxxviii obiit,
Edmundus thome filii petri buttyller A° Di 1513 * * **

Poer uxor Edmundi buttyller anno domini 1512.
 Orate pro animabus thome buttyller et Elene buttyller
 uxor eius quis hoc opus fieri fecerunt
 A° D^o 155 * * *

GENEALOGY.



These two last mentioned erected this monument.

"There are at present at the north side of St. Mary's (Protestant) Church, Clonmel, and placed in a leaning position vertically against the outside wall of the church, two large thick monumental slabs. They bear the following inscriptions in relief (old English characters):—

"Hic jacet Terentius ♀ Donel qui obiit 4 Martii 1583
 et ejus uxor Elena White quae obiit 24 Aprili 1591
 Corum filii qui hunc tumulum fieri fecerunt A.D. 1592
 quibus sit propitius Omnipotens Amen."

"Hic jacet Galfridus Barron qui obiit 22 Martii A.Dni
 1601 et Bellina White uxor ejus quae hunc tumulum
 fieri fecerit A.Dni 1605 et obiit A.Dni 1610 quorum
 animabus propitietur Deus."

* This does not agree with Burke's "Peerage," &c. (see p. 1028, of 1885), where he is said to have m. Anne, dau. of Lord Welles.—ED.

"The steeple of St. Mary's Church is said to be unique in structure; it seems to have been originally square; at present (1842) it presents the appearance of an embattled octagon tower of great height, rising from a square base at about 21 feet from the ground."

"The east window is extremely beautiful, double Gothic tracery, with the space between the two arches filled by a rich cinquefoil, or rather septemfoil, and is, perhaps, as old as the twelfth century."

[S. C. Hall's "Ireland."]

COPY OF THE REV. DR. LADYMAN'S EPITAPH AT ST. MARY'S PROTESTANT CHURCH.

"The inscription, on a tablet fixed into the southern wall of the vestry tower (externally), is almost entirely illegible:—

"Underfoot wth five of their children SAMUEL *frANCIS* and GRACE (who died in their Infancy) JOHN at his 20th yeare, X^{ber} 9th 1675, and JANE in her 22th yeare, 7^{ber} 27th 1681, are interred the bodyes of Doctor SAMUEL LADYMAN and GRACE his Wife, the Daughter of Dr. William Hutchinson, De Oxon, she decensing on ye [] day of March 1663 and her husband on ye [] of february, 1683 who left this epitaph to be fixed over their graves."

"Sleep dearest heart and now thy mourner may
Putt off this flesh to mix it wth thy clay
Sleep infant dust freed from Earths ToyL & Strife
By death's surprize ith nonage of y^r life
Sleep vigorous youth whose keener soul brake through
Its crazy case and bade this wourld adieu.
Sleep vertuous maid, wife, mother, and all in one
Alive beloved by all bewailed now goun
Sleep till that trump wth rouseth from their graves
Both men and children, Princes and their slaves
Shall call us thence, then wake wth sts & sing
Eternal praises to our heavenly King."

"The will of Samuel Ladyman, D.D., Vicar of Clonmel and Archdeacon of Limerick, dated 1683, is preserved in the Court of Probate, Waterford.

INSCRIPTIONS ON BELLS IN STEEPLE OF ST. MARY'S PROTESTANT CHURCH.

"Ex dono R. D. I. Chr: Patr D.D., HVG GOWER Quond de Waterfd. et Lism. Epp.—Tobias Covey, fudit 1697."

"Sr John Meade, Sr Tho^s Osborne, Jo. Perry, Richard Moore, Chas. Alcock, Esq.—T. C. Fudit, 1697."

"Tho^s Batt, Mayor, Tho^s Mokes, Hercules Beere, Baylives.—T. C. 1697, Clonmel."

"Ex dono R D I Doct D. Samuel Ladyman Quond. de
Clonm. Vic.—Tobias Covey Fudit 1697: Clonmel."

"There was a fifth bell hung in this steeple, but several years ago it fell, and was partly broken in the fall. It has since been sold, I believe."

"Besides the two inscriptions already sent you, I find there was a third slab, which must be laid down within the church, probably in one of the aisles. It was moved from its original position, as the others were, in White's chapel, formerly attached to the church, at the time when the latter building was being restored, or rather reconstructed. The stone bore this inscription:—

*"Johannis gelido jacet hoc sub marmore Vitus chara quæ
Johannæ conjugio ossa piæ. Bis Maior, Wentworth
primum pro rege secundum Catholici subiens fœdera martis
obiit 28 Augusti 1643."*

"A beautiful marble monument, fixed now in the wall of the church (inside) on north side of back aisle, is to the memory of the Rev. Doctor Joseph Moore. There is above the inscription a sarcophagus, and, higher still, a bust of the deceased, in high relief, upon a medallion (white marble). The epitaph inscribed upon this monument runs thus:—

"This Monument, near which are laid the Remains of the Rev. Doctr. Joseph Moore, was erected by the Parish and Neighbourhood of Clonmel, in grateful memory of the strict pastoral care, exemplary Piety, ample Charity, and universal Benevolence with which He discharged his Function as Rector of the Parish for sixty-six years. His Friends and Acquaintance lament the irreparable Loss of his sincere and warm Friendship, kind and salutary Counsel, agreeable and instructive Conversation, polite and cheerful Manner, liberal yet prudent Hospitality, and every social Virtue that sweetens and adorns private Life. He died on the 13th day of January, 1795, in the 88th year of his age."

[M. Shannahan, Cork.]

"Laid in the flooring of the south side aisle there is a finely-sculptured slab of grey marble, now partly covered by a pew. It has the following inscription:—

*"Hic jacet Johannes Stritche burgensis huius oppidi qui obiit
25th Maii, 1622; et Margareta Daniel, alias Stritche uxor
eius quæ hoc monumentum superstes in memoriam dicti
Joanis fieri fecit A° Dm. 1625 quæ obiit [] quorum,
animabus propitietur Deus."*

" In the churchyard, on west side of porch, is a small headstone with inscription, now scarcely legible :—

" Here lyeth interred the Bodye of CHARLES BLOVNT, son of Coll. Charles Blovnt, who departed this Life 4 January, 1651."

I am indebted to William Clarke, Esq., of Clonmel, for the above.

Caher Old Church.

PENNEFATHER EPITAPH.

" In the inner part of the ruin rest the remains of the Hon. Baron Pennefather. Upon his tomb the following inscription appears :—

" RICHARD PENNEFATHER, Esq., late one of the Barons of Her Majesty's Court of Exchequer in Ireland. Born 25th August, 1773 ; died 7th August, 1859."

" This distinguished judge and excellent country gentleman was, we may well say, an ornament to the Irish bench and to society."

" Within the new church of Caher, and close beside the tablet erected to the memory of Emily, Countess of Glengall, a white marble slab records the melancholy death of Richard, son of Baron Pennefather, which sad event took place, most unexpectedly, after but a few days' illness, in the immediate neighbourhood of Clonmel. Upon the monument appears the following brief epitaph :—

" Sacred to the Memory of RICHARD PENNEFATHER, Esq., D.L., and Lieut.-Colonel of the Tipperary Regiment of Militia, eldest son of the Hon. Baron Pennefather. Born 3rd September, 1806 ; married 26th July, 1836, to the Lady Emily G. A. Butler ; died 14th July, 1849."

C O U N T Y T Y R O N E .

Parish of Leckpatrick, Diocese of Derry,

OLD CHURCHYARD.

" HERE IS THE BURIAL PLACE OF
JOHN MACCHEE DECEASED
26 FEBRUAR 1617 AND HIS FAMILY"

[From Rev. W. Reynell.]

" Under the Communion Table Lyeth the Body of the Revd.
& Worthy Mr. JAMES GOODLATT who departed this
Life on Saturday the 10th of June Anno 1727 in the
sixtyneth year of his age, Incumbent of this Parish."

[Mural tablet.]

Strabane Churchyard.

"Here lyeth the Body of the Rev. PAUL READ, Rector of the Parish of Leckpatrick, who departed this life on the 21st day of February in the year 1742, in the 36 year of his age."

[En. Fellow, T.C.D.]

Parish of Donaghmore.

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL'S, CASTLECAULFIELD.

In a book called "Diary of the Siege of Derry," I find a description of the Rev. George Walker's monument, as follows :—

"READER"

near this spot are interred | the relics of | The Rev^d GEORGE WALKER, S.T.D., | Formerly Rector of this Parish, | By whose vigilence and bravery | the City of Londonderry was defended | From the Enemies of William III. | and of Religion, | in the year MDCLXXXIX | he was slain | on the Banks of the Boyne, | Engaged in the same cause, against the same Enemies | in the year MDCXC, |

To whose memory

his yet most disconsolate widow | erected this monument | in the year MDCCIII."

The Rev. R. J. Merrin, Assistant Curate of this Parish, writes as follows :—

"His bones lie beneath the reading-desk, and there is a large monument in the south transept, with a Latin inscription to his memory.

"The bones of his wife lie beside him."

C O U N T Y W E S T M E A T H.**Killaugh Old Church.**

[Shield of arms.]

"In Virtute & honore Senesces.

"Here lyeth y^e Body of Mr. CUTHBERT FETHERSTON HAUGH who livd at Dardistown and Died y^e 1st of August 1744 in y^e 67th [?] year of his age."

Parish of Kilveilagh.

The following inscription is on Ballinacor Bridge, in this parish :—

[Two shields of arms.]

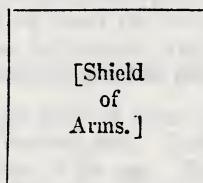
"DNS VIDEBIT IN . DEO . SPERO
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 FOR THEM ALL . THRE."

Parish of Clonlost.

"This Monument is Erected by THOMAS NUGENT of Clonlost Esqr for the interringe of himself & ISMAY NUGENT His Wife, daughter unto Theobald Nugent of New Haggard in the County of Meath Esqr and for the f^r s^d Thomas Nugents family. Ano Domini 1672."

Multifarnham Abbey.

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 ORATE PRO
 CHRISTOPHE
 RO NVGENT



IN DIEV EST
 MON ESPO
 IR
 ET DOMIN
 A ANNA
 CVSACK

"Near lieth the bodie of CHRISTOPHER NUGENT of Corbetstown, second sonne of Christopher Baron of Delvin, married to the Lady Anne Forth, alias Cusack, who caused this Monument to be erected, he died third of June anno 1629 for both whose souls let all the faith ful intercess."

"Gulielmus Delamar Armiger obiit
 1684, Cujus Prædecessor Gulielmus Dela
 mar, Miles, fundavit et ædificavit hoc
 Monasterium, Anno Domini 1306."

[Shield of arms.]

[Kindly contributed by the Rev. Wm. Reynell.]

C O U N T Y W E X F O R D.

[From Rev. J. FFRENCH, of Clonegal.]

Millenagh, or Melenagh Churchyard.

"The parish of Millenagh now forms part of the Union of Ballyvalden, Killmuckridge and Millenagh, which is usually known as the parish of Killmuckridge ; the union contains 11,996 acres of land.

This old churchyard seems to be little, if at all, used ; it is carefully fenced, but overgrown with nettles and weeds which are breast high, and have to be trampled down before any of the old tombs or headstones can be seen. No tombs are visible of an earlier date than the last century. The tombs of most interest are those of the Redmond and Colley families. A search lately made in this churchyard for the Colley tombstone illustrates how rapidly the monumental memorials of the dead are disappearing beneath the surface, and the necessity that there exists of preserving some record of them before they became altogether obliterated.

Mr. Francis P. Colley, who visited this churchyard some time since to seek for the Colley tomb, informs me that although he searched carefully through the entire enclosure, which is not large, he failed to find it ; and it was not until he had given up the search that he met with an old woman, who was well acquainted with the churchyard, and who pointed out to him the part of the churchyard where he would be likely to find it. Under her guidance he found the tomb completely hidden in weeds and briars, and more than half covered with a grass sod, which had to be dug off it before the inscription could be read, which was as follows :—

"Here lyeth the body of JOHN COLLEY, of Ballywalter, in County of Wexford, Esq. He died 6th day of April, 1777, in ye 76th year of his age. He was a pattern of Virtue, Religion, and good Conduct. His friends were the wise, the virtuous, and the learned. His Enemies—None. His mourners—All who knew him."

"Here also lyeth the body of Mrs. ALICE, wife of said JOHN COLLEY, who died the 23rd May, 1770."

"An adjoining tomb bears the following inscription :—

"THOMAS SMITH died 2nd April, 1777, aged 55 years.
DOROTHY COLLEY, otherwise SMITH, died Novr. 28th, 1809, aged 95.
Beneath this tomb lies also the remains of Capt. JOHN COLLEY
SMITH, Captain in Command of the Camolin Cavalry in
1798, Departed this life at Camolin 20th March, 1837,
age 90 years.

He won his way thro' life by integrity of principle and consistency of conduct, and being justified by faith he found peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Next we come to a Redmond tomb, which is inscribed in a very peculiar way; it was probably copied from some old family registry, in a literal manner, by the stonecutter employed:—

	Died.	Age.
Here are deposited the mortal remains of John Redmond, of Killygowan in this County, Esq.	20 Oct., 1748	60
Catharine Redmond, otherwise Nixon, his wife	—	—
Mathew Redmond, eldest son of the above John and Catharine	18 Oct., 1780	70
Mary Redmond, otherwise Rice, otherwise Williamson, the second wife of Mathew	1794	70
Rev ^d Francis Redmond, brother of said Mathew Marg. Cooke, spinster, eldest daughter of John Cooke, of Sleanagranre, Esq.	8 March, 1798	70
Tho. I. G. N. Redmond, second son of the above Mathew, by Anne Rice, his first wife	1767	26
Catharine Sutton, otherwise Redmond, otherwise Cooke, his wife, and sister of Margt Cooke	9 June, 1782	40
John Cooke Redmond, eldest son of John Redmond, of Newtown, in this county, Esq ^r ; he was most inhumanly murdered by the Insurg ^t in the Rebellion of 1798	1798	63
Williamson, daughter of the above Matthew and Mary, and wife of Ab. Goodall, of Kilconall, Esq ^r	27 May, 1798	28
John Redmond, eldest son of the above Mathew, and father of the above John; he died at his house in Charle ^m St., City of Dublin, universally and sincerely lamented	20 March, 1830	36
Anne Redmond, his wife	28 Nov ^r 1819	82
John W. C. Redmond, Esq., aged 52 years, died 9th Nov ^r 1862	18 April, 1821	78
	1862	

“Requiescant in Pace.”

A second Redmond tomb bears the following inscription:—

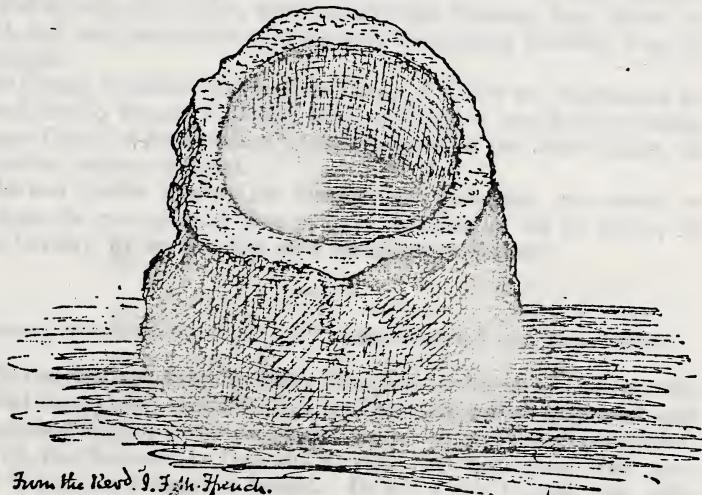
“Here lie the remains of the late GABRIEL RICE REDMOND, Inspector-General of Military Hospitals, who died on the 19th April, 1832, aged 64 years. As a zealous and distinguished officer he was beloved, respected, and honoured. In the quietude of retirement his virtues rendered him dear to all; but eminently beloved by his afflicted family, whose consolation for his loss is their trust in him who hath said: I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in me though he were dead yet shall he live.”

"Sacred also the memory of PHILADELPHIA BARBARA, wife of the above Gabriel, who died on the 6th March, 1848, aged 64. Also of their 3 daughters, MARY JANE, who died 22nd Decr., 1838, aged 17; PHILADELPHIA BARBARA, who died 4th May, 1839, aged 28; and GEORGINA ANNESLEY, who died 15th Decr., 1844, aged 26."

"Also their eldest daughter ANNE DOUGLAS, who died 6th of November, 1848."

"JAMES C. D. REDMOND, aged 10 years, died 15th December, 1861."

The foundations of the old church can just be traced, but no portion of the walls remain exposed to view. In the churchyard there is a very ancient circular font, rough hewn out of a block of granite; it is 1 foot 9 inches in diameter, and 1 foot 4 inches high, the hollow in the font is 1 foot deep, and there is a drain hole."



From the Revd. J. J. H. French.

COLLEY OF BALLYWALTER AND BALCARRICK.

"The family of Cowley, or Colley, may be considered to have been founded by Sir Henry Colley, of Castle Carbery, who was knighted, and called to the Privy Council in 1576. This family rose to eminence in the time of his father, when Robert and Walter Colley, noted for their great legal abilities (who are described by Lodge as gentlemen of Kilkenny), made a figure in the politics of the times, Robert becoming Master of the Rolls, and Walter, King's Solicitor. These gentlemen were originally legal advisers and agents to Piers, Earl of Ormond, who, in a letter dated the 16th of July, 1538, styled them "my right loyng counsaylours,

Robert Cowley and Walter Cowley." Space will not allow me to debate the question as to which of these gentlemen was the father of Sir H. Colley, nor yet the disputed question as to what county in Ireland or England the family originally belonged; but, certainly, a Walter Cowley was one of the portreeves or sheriffs of Kilkenny in 1407. To return to Sir Henry Colley, he had, with other children, a son, Sir Henry Colley, of Castle Carbery, and a son Walter Colley, stated to have been Seneschal of Wexford. This last-mentioned Sir H. Colley was the grandfather of Henry Colley, of Castle Carbery, who married Mary, only daughter of Sir Wm. Ussher, and had by this marriage a son Richard Colley, *who assumed the name of Wesley*, and was created the first Lord Mornington. This Lord Mornington had for his grandsons, Richard, Viscount Wellesley; William, Lord Maryborough; Arthur, Duke of Wellington; Gerald, Chaplain to the Queen; and Henry, Lord Cowley. Now to return to Walter, son of Sir H. Colley, and Seneschal of Wexford. His grandson was Thomas Colley, of Balcarrick, whose son, John Colley, of Ballywalter, is the gentleman named on the before-mentioned tombstone. This gentleman had an only child, Alice, who married John Pounder, Esq. (killed in 1798), and was grandmother of the present John Colley Pounder, Esq., of Ballywalter.

The County Wexford branch of the family of Colley are represented in the male line by Francis P. Colley, Esq., of Liverpool, who is the grandson of Roger Colley, of Balcarick, a younger brother of the John Colley, of Ballywalter, before mentioned.

John and Charles Wesley, the founders of Methodism, are stated to have been the great-grandchildren of Anne, daughter of Sir H. Colley, of Castle Carbery, by her marriage with Bartholomew Wesley."

REDMOND, OF REDMOND'S HALL, OF "TOWER HOOKE," AND KILLYGOWAN.

"This ancient and knightly family descend from Raymond Le Gros, who was Earl Strongbow's brother-in-law, and one of the most celebrated and distinguished knights who accompanied him in his expedition into Ireland. In 1173, this Raymond Le Gros and Richard, Earl Strongbow, were joint Lords Warden or Viceroys of Ireland. He had a son Haman, who, with his brothers, William and Annar, were witnesses to the charter of incorporation given to the City of Kilkenny by William Marshall, Earl of Pembroke, who was the husband of Isabella, daughter and heiress of Strongbow and Eva. This Hamon's son, Sir Alexander FitzHamon FitzRaymond, is stated to have been the first of the family who bore the name of Raymond, or Redmond, and is believed to have been the builder of the Hall (on the site of the building now known as Loftus Hall), and to have had as a stronghold and place of refuge the Tower of Hooke, a building which was held by his descendants for many hundred years for that purpose.

From this Alexander descended nine gentlemen, who, in succession, held "the Castle of the Hall," and were known as "Knights of the Hall,"

and to these succeeded seven more proprietors of the Hall, who were styled Esquires. These gentlemen intermarried with very many of the old Norman families that were resident in the South of Ireland. The last Redmond of the Hall who lived and died there, was Alexander Redmond. "For 500 years the property descended from father to son in unbroken succession, until the Cromwellian invasion;" and when brave old Alexander Redmond was attacked by a detachment of Cromwellian troops under the command of Captain Aston and Lieutenant Esmond, he armed his retainers with "guns and swords and pikes" and "spits," and not only beat off the enemy, but with the help of his neighbours annihilated them. The next time he was attacked he was obliged to capitulate, but he would only surrender "to Cromwell himself on honourable terms." After his death in 1651, all his estates were forfeited, and the Hall granted to the Loftus family. His son and heir probably went abroad. The Redmonds of Killygowan descend from Thomas Redmond, Esq., of Fethard, youngest brother of Alexander Redmond, whose grandson, Garrett Redmond, married Joan, daughter of M. Codd, Esq., of Castletown; and their grandson Gabriel Redmond, Esq., of Ballinacurry, was the father of John Redmond, Esq., of Killygowan, the first of the family buried in Melinali Churchyard, and from that gentleman is descended the present senior male representative of the Redmonds of the Hall and Killygowan, Gabriel J. W. Redmond, Esq., of Redmond Cottage, Monkstown.

The account of the defence of the Hall is taken from sworn depositions preserved in the Library of Trinity College, Dublin."

Parish of Mulrankin.

"The present benefice of Mulrankin consists of eight parishes, each of which at one time had its church—in some so small as would hardly hold 25 or 30 persons. The ruins of these churches still remain, except those of Mulrankin and Kilturk, the sites of these being occupied by the present modern churches.

The names of these parishes, and the dedication of their churches, are as follows:—

Mulrankin, formerly spelt Malrancan.—The meaning of this name is uncertain. The nearest approach to the meaning is "Dancing Mill." The dedication of the church is "St. David's."

Kilmannan.—"Mannan's Church." The dedication is "St. Mannan."

Kilcowan.—"Harbour Church," being near to Ballyteige Lough. The dedication of the church of this parish is not known.

Killag.—The translation of this word from the Irish tongue would be "Weak Church," which seems such a strange name for a church, that probably it has some other meaning. The dedication of the church is "St. Degman the Martyr."

Tomhaggart.—"Priest's Tomb." Dedication of church, "St. Anne's."

Kilturk.—"Boar's Church"; probably should be "Kyleturk" or "Boar's Wood." Dedication of this church is "St. John's."

Kilmore.—“Great Church.” Dedication, “St. Patrick.” There is still among the plate of the parish a very old chalice that was in use in this church, bearing an inscription, stating that it was repaired in 1648.

Maglass.—“Green Field.” Dedication of its church, “St Fenton’s.”

These parishes, except Kilturk and Kilmore, were held separately in 1612. The names of the incumbents of some of them, as appear in Bishop Ram’s Visitation Book for that year, are :—

Malrancan—Rector, James Busher, an Ancient Churchman.

Malrancan—Vicar, James Furlong, an Ancient Reading Minister.

Killag—Walter French.

Kilmannan—James Pendergast, English and Irish tongue.

Kilturk and Kilmore—Robert Hudson, B.A., Preacher. Churches not a mile apart.

It is also remarked in this Visitation Return that Malrancan was so poor a parish, it was hard to get anyone to take it.

The oldest record that I know of about any of these parishes is, that in 37 Henry VIII. (1546) Adam Whitty was presented to the parish of Kyllag, Ferns, on the resignation of John Booker. But I have seen in a local newspaper (I cannot say on what authority) an account of an Inquiry held in 1460, by Laurence, Archdeacon of Ferns, at Rathmacknee, respecting the presentation to that living. The names of nineteen clergymen and others, constituting that Court of Inquiry, are given, including the incumbents of most of these parishes, viz.—Rev. Thomas Browne, Vicar of Malrancan ; Rev. John Beggan, Vicar of Kylymor ; Rev. Nicholas Connyeke, Rector of Kilmannan ; Rev. Daniel Reyley, Vicar of Kyllag ; Rev. Richard Killyng, Vicar of Kylkeevan ; Rev. William Grawnt, Vicar of Kylturecke ; Rev. Richard Cloyn, Vicar of Maglas ; and it is to be observed how consistent the distinction between rector and vicar was maintained, it being the same in all these parishes except one, at the date of this list, as at the disestablishment, or over 400 years. When, how, or why these parishes were united into one benefice, I cannot say ; but at least as early as 1661 all, except Maglass, were held by the same incumbent. Maglass was added by the Diocesan Council after disestablishment, as being nearer to the parish church of Mulrankin than to that of Killinick, in which union it had been.

The incumbents of the united benefice since 1661 were as follows :—

1661. Rev. Thomas Bunbury, son of John Bunbury, Clerk of the Crown and Peace, County Wexford, was appointed rector in 1661, being then 33 years of age. He took the degree of M.A., T.C.D., in the same year, and died between 16th November, 1682, when he made his will, and 9th February following, when it was proved. The paten used at celebration of holy communion was presented to the parish church on Christmas Day, 1713, by his widow, who was daughter of Nicholas Codd, of Castletown, in the parish of Carne.

1682. Rev. William Byrtenwood, Rector of Fethard, was appointed to Mulrankin in 1682. He died intestate in 1742.
1724. Rev. Roger Vigors, son of Thomas Vigors, and nephew of Right Rev. Bartholomew Vigors, Bishop of Ferns, was appointed to this benefice August 23rd, 1724, being then 41 years of age. He died in 1735.
1735. Rev. William Harvey, eldest son of Ambrose Harvey, of Bargy, in this parish, was appointed rector, he being then 53 years of age. He resigned this parish in 1757, and died in 1765.
1757. Rev. Eyton Butts, D.D., son of the Right Rev. Robert Butts, Bishop of Ely, was appointed 29th December, 1757. He exchanged this benefice in 1776 for the Precentorship of Waterford Cathedral. He was also Dean of Cloyne from 1770 until his death in 1779.
1776. Rev. Henry Connor, M.A., Precentor of Waterford Cathedral, got this parish by exchange, 27th August, 1776. He died October 22nd, 1788, aged 64. His tomb is in Mulrankin graveyard.
1789. Rev. Henry Wilson was appointed to this parish by his former college chum, Bishop Eusby Cleaver, 21st March, 1789. Mr. Wilson was taken prisoner by the rebels in 1798, but was not murdered by them, as many of the clergy of this diocese were. Probably he escaped, as several of the leaders of that rebellion—Bagenal Harvey, John Henry Colclough, and John Boxwell—were members of his congregation. He built the rectory of Mulrankin shortly after the Rebellion, at very great cost—£1,976 4s. 9d.—which, through some legal flaw, he wholly lost. He died 19th May, 1806, aged 55. His tomb is in Mulrankin graveyard.
1806. Rev. Thomas Gore, M.A., nephew of Sir Ralph Gore, Earl of Ross (an extinct peerage), and brother of Sir Ralph Gore, Bart., who succeeded to the baronetcy, was appointed to this parish from the parish of Edermine, 1st October, 1806. He expended a further sum of £487 7s. on the rectory, which he secured by a charge. St. John's Church was built at Kilturk in 1809, and consecrated July 21st, 1812. Mr. Gore died 3rd June, 1834, aged 66 years. Upon his death the benefice was divided—Mulrankin, Kilmamman, Kilcowan, and Killag forming one union; Tomhaggart, Kilturk, and Kilmore forming the other.
1834. Rev. William Hickey, M.A., Rector of Wexford, was appointed Rector of Mulrankin; and Rev. Richard King, curate of the parish (son of Captain Francis King, of Silverspring), was appointed Rector of Tomhaggart. St. David's Church, Mulrankin, was rebuilt in 1840, partly by subscription and partly by a grant from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. St. John's Church, Kilturk, also was rebuilt in 1861. Rev. Richard King resigned Tomhaggart June 20th, 1861; and Rev. Jonathan Sisson Cooper was appointed to succeed him, November 21st, 1861. Mr. Cooper resigned the parish July 20th, 1863, having exchanged it with Rev. Charles John Townsend for Killanne parish. Mr. Hickey died October 3rd, 1875, aged 87 years, and was buried in Mulrankin graveyard.

1876. Rev. John Alexander, M.A., Rector of Corelone, in the Diocese of Leighlin (son of Rev. Dr. John Alexander, Rector of Carne, in Diocese of Ferns), was appointed to Mulrankin union on 28th March, 1876, vacant by Mr. Hickey's death.

Mr. Townsend died June 13th, 1888, and was buried in Kilturk graveyard; and on 3rd of July, 1888, Mr. Alexander was instituted to the Tomhaggart union also, vacant by Mr. Townsend's death.

Thus, after being separated for 54 years, Mulrankin union now is as large as it was in 1661, with Maglass added.

THE CHURCHES OF THIS UNION.

The churches of these eight parishes fell into ruins after the parishes were united into one benefice, except that of St. David at Malrannan, which was used as the parish church of the union. This church was found to be too small for the parishioners of the united parishes; and at a vestry held October 4th, 1756, during the incumbency of the Rev. Mr. Harvey, it was agreed upon to erect a gallery in the west end of the church, which was done; but fourteen years after, at a vestry held 17th April, 1770, during the incumbency of Dr. Eyton Butts, it was resolved upon to rebuild this church, which was done some time after, partly by parochial assessment, but chiefly by voluntary subscriptions of the parishioners, the rector and the Earl of Ely being the largest subscribers. This church was repaired in 1798, having been injured by the rebels. It lasted in all only seventy years, as it was taken down in 1840, during the incumbency of Mr. Hickey, and the present Church of St. David built on its site.

St. John's Church was built in 1809, on the site of the former Church of St. John, Kilturk, during Mr. Gore's incumbency, at whose death the union was divided—St. John's becoming the parish church of the Tomhaggart portion. This church—which was a small, barn-like building—was taken down in 1840, and the present Church of St. John (now the second church of the united parish) was built on its site, by subscriptions, aided by a grant from the late Ecclesiastical Commissioners. It is a very pretty small church, much prettier than St. David's, the parish church. The third service in this parish is held in the Coastguard Watch-house at Kilmore Quay."

[From the Rev. John Alexander, Rector of Mulrankin.]

It is pleasant to read the following, as showing the lively interest that is taken by all the neighbourhood round, for the careful preservation of the memorials of the dead in this county:—

"A great portion of the most interesting old Romanesque church at Clones, in the parish of Ferns, was pulled down by the contractor employed by the Board of Guardians to build a wall round it." !!!

Such is a report I have lately received.—ED.

Horetown Parish Church.

On a mural tablet—

“ Sacred to the Memory of the Right Hon^{ble} ELIZABETH
TOTTENHAM, daughter of Nicholas Lord Viscount Loftus of
Ely, who departed this life June, 1747, aged 26 years.

Also to the Memory of SIR JOHN TOTTENHAM, Barronett,
her husband, who died at Tottenham Green, December
29th, 1786, aged 73rd years.

This Monument was erected by their dutifull and affectionate son Charles Tottenham, Lord Viscount Loftus of Ely, 1789.”

New Ross.

Inscription on a monument in the Church of St. Mary—

“ Congugis perdilectæ memoriarum sacrum
Annæ Nich : Dom : Vicecom : Loftus Filiæ
Stirpe materna Gul : Baron de Bessborough proquatæ
Hoc marmor posuit
Carolus Tottenham Armig :
Quæ animi indole
Formæ venustate
Linquilibusque quæ vitam ornant
Eximie dotata
Morbo prægravi correpta
Constantiæ miræ
Pictatis sinceræ
Quum diu insigne perstiterat exemplar
Succubuit
X^{mo} die Novemb : Ann : Dom : MDCCLXVIII.
Ætatis sue quinquagesimo.”

“ To perpetuate the Memory
and many virtues of
CHARLES TOTTENHAM, Esq.,
late of New Ross,
Who died the 10th day of September, 1795,
in the 80th year of his age.
He married the Hon. Anne Loftus,
second daughter of
Nicholas Lord Viscount Loftus.
As a husband, a father, and a friend,
his conduct was truly exemplary.
He was in Parliament upwards of forty years,
and had the satisfaction of seeing his three sons,

Charles, Nicholas Loftus, and
 Ponsonby Totteham, Esqrs.,
 Members of the House of Commons
 at the same time with himself,
 and by whom this Monument is erected
 as a small tribute of their gratitude to
 the Best of Fathers.

' Few more correct the path of life have trod—
 The honest man, the noblest work of God.' "

On a tablet let into the wall of the old Church of St. Mary, is the following inscription. I have copied it verbatim, and as accurately as possible in the spelling and other arrangement :—

**"Hearē Lych ye
 Body of Capt William
 Ivory who departed this life
 in the 60th year of his age the
 18th of July Anno Dom 1684 Left
 Ishew one son and one daughter
 Hearē also is intered ye body of
 Mary Ivory ye third daughter of Sr
 Ivory aged one yeaire and 8
 months She dyed the first day
 of September Anno Dom 1691
 Hearē also is intered ye Body of
 M^d Ann Ivory the wife of Capt (sic)
 William Ivory aged 63 yeaires
 and departed this life the 9th of
 Aprill Anno Dom 1692
 Hearē also is intered the
 Body of Sr John Ivory ye only
 son of Cap William Ivory
 who departed this life in ye
 40th year of his age leaving
 ishew 2 sons and 2 daughters
 He dyed the 24th day of
 Febleary anno Dom 169⁴**

**This stone was placed hear by Dame
Ann Ivory widow of ye said Sr
John & daughter of Sir John
Talbot of Laycock in
Wiltshire left as a last-
ing Testimony of her former
love and affection to him
and his Family”**

“ This Tomb belongs to | The Rev. John Cliffe. | [Underneath] are interred the Remains | of his wife BELINDA CLIFFE, | who died the 18th of August, 1772, aged 27, | and of his daughter BELINDA, | who died 7th of December, 1772, | aged 4 months.”

A mural monument—

“ Sacred to the memory of | MARGRETT MASSY | Beloved and devoted wife of | Captain R. A. Napper of the | LV. Bengal Native Infantry, and James Henry their darling son | both of whom died* at Meen-Meer | in the Punjab in the same week | August 1861.”

“ Thy will be done.”

“ Lieutenant ALEXANDER NAPPER | late of H.M. 81st Regiment | departed this life on the 3rd of June 1843 | aged 54 years | This tablet was erected by Lieut^t ROBERT ALEXANDER NAPPER of the 55th Reg^t Bengal Native Infantry, as a tribute to the memory of | an affectionate Father.”

“ We sorrow not as men without hope
For them which sleep in Jesus will God bring
with him.”

The above are to the father and first wife and child of the present Major-General Robert A. Napper, of Belleville, New Ross, County Wexford.

* Of cholera.

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The Editor will be much obliged if ladies and gentlemen who kindly contribute Notes for these Reports, will be good enough to write on *one* side only of the paper; and if they would use "sermon-sized" paper, and leave a margin, it would be a great convenience.

In copying Inscriptions, the Editor would feel obliged if a line thus | was drawn at the *end* of *each* line of the Inscription on the Monument; and, if a specimen of the lettering used was given, so as to enable the Inscription to be printed in the same style, it would be of use.

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"Let it be remembered that this work is intended to be, not a mere temporary vehicle of amusement, but a permanent storehouse of authentic information, to which reference may hereafter be confidently made."—*Anon.*

"Now generous reader, let me intreat your furtherance thus farre, that in thy neighbouring churches, if thou shalte finde any ancient funeral inscriptions, or antique obliterated monuments, thou wouldest copie out the one, and take so much relation of the other as tradition can deliver; as also to take the inscriptions and epitaphis upon tombes and grave stones, which are of those [or later] times: and withall to take order that such thy collections, notes, and observations may come safely to my hands: and I shall rest ever obliged to acknowledge thy paines and curtesie."—*WEEVER.*

" Jam parce sepulto
Parce pias sclerare manus."—*Virgil.*

TRANSLATION.—Now deal reverently with my dust. Forbear to pollute thy holy hands.

"Every stone that we look upon in this Repository of past ages, is both an Entertainment and a Monitor."—*Plain Dealer.*

" Tu mili terram
Injicee namque potes
Sedibus ut saltem placidis
In morte quiescam."

TRANSLATION.—Do thou, since it is in thy power so to do, sprinkle the earth over my remains, *that at least after death I may rest in an undisturbed grave.*

"Time corrodes our epitaphs, and buries our very tombstones."

" Away from the tumult and passion ;
Away from the care and the strife ;
Away from the folly and fashion
Pervading the city's gay life."

" Beyond this vale of tears,
There is a life above,
Unmeasured by the flight of years,
And all that life is love."

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Preservation of the Memorials of the Dead IN IRELAND.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1891.

"Away from the tumult and passion ;
Away from the care and the strife ;
Away from the folly and fashion
Pervading the city's gay life."

THE extended nature of this Report, containing, as it does, more than 400 pages of MS., must account for the delay in its publication. A comprehensive index is in course of preparation, and, when it is issued, the first volume of this Journal may be considered to have been brought to a conclusion, and to be ready for the binder's hands. The Report for the year 1892 will form the first part of the second volume.

Hitherto, each year's Report has increased in size, and in the number of illustrations ; but, unless a large addition is made to the subscribers, this cannot, it is feared, continue. It is to be hoped that, as the work becomes better known, more general interest in it will be taken, and that additional friends will arise to keep it going. By a comparison of the list of subscribers for 1891 with that of the previous years, it will be seen that a good increase has taken place, but still the number is very small when one considers the area of the work, and the many persons who might naturally be expected to join in it.

The promised extracts from Isaac Butler's MS., and from the Obituary of the ancient Franciscan Monastery of Meeelick, County Galway, will be found in this Report, together with other interesting matter. It is hoped that the illustrations which have been introduced, have contributed to brighten the letter-press. I believe that they are of much value, as helping materially to preserve what it is hoped are faithful representations of objects, which time and other causes are (it may be

slowly, but surely) rendering illegible or undecipherable. It is also hoped that allowance will be made if these illustrations are not as well executed as they might be, were more ample funds at my disposal.

Another difficulty has arisen in the selection of matter for this Report from the amount available, without omitting any of the counties from which notes have been received. Two hundred pages of MS. have had to be laid aside for future Reports, but it is intended that all shall appear in due time.

I have to thank the editor of *The Antiquary* for an article in his number for September, 1890, in which he calls attention to the object and the work of the "Preservation of the Memorials of the Dead in Ireland," and I trust it may lead to an interest being taken in it by archaeologists and others in England, who care for the work and can see its necessity.

Some few months back, I received a letter from a friend, a member of the R.S.A. of Ireland, in which he says:—

"I meet every day, in my personal experiences and in reading, instances of the neglect and desecration of tombstones and monuments."

Surly it is not too much to ask my readers to help to put a stop to this state of things—it *can* be done. Let us take the task on our own shoulders—and not leave it to those who may come after us, and to a new century.

Another friend writes:—

"I have been informed that, within the last year, an Irish inscribed tombstone has been offered as a present to a museum, and that it has been accepted"!!

A writer [Mr. Pettigrew] says that the Romans denounced in severe terms any disturber of funereal remains, and he gives the following as a Christian Epitaph of the period:—

"MALE · PEREAT · INSEPVLTVS ·
JACEAT · NON · RESVRGAT ·
CVM · JVDA · PARTEM HABEAT
SI QVIS SEPVLCHRVM HVNC VIOLAYERIT."

If anyone violate this sepulchre,
Let him perish miserably, lie unburied,
And not rise, but have his lot with Judas!

If some of those who desecrate our burial-grounds only thought that such a fate was before them, they would hesitate to let their hands touch the sacred things they too often have violated.

To show the careless way in which church plate is often kept in this country, the following extract from a letter lately received from a Rural Dean, will demonstrate. He says :—

“ In few, if any, parishes do I find any inventory of the plate, and the incoming clergy sometimes find it in an open box, in charge of an old man or woman ! ”

One would think that this evil might be stopped, if our Bishops would only have a list of the plate, its condition, &c., and where kept, reported to them *annually* by their Rural Deans, in their respective Dioceses.

The Church Representative Body in Dublin might also do much towards its better security by calling periodically for *detailed* returns respecting it—the good old custom that prevailed in many parishes, of “ taking stock” of ALL church property at Easter by the incoming churchwardens, and entering the same in the vestry-book, might well be revived.

The following is a pleasant story of how church plate is lost,—and recovered—it is happy to be able to add, in this case :—

“ It may be interesting to know that one of the most ancient services of Communion plate in Dublin, is that [formerly] possessed by the parish of ‘ St. Nicholas Without the Walls.’ In 1861, on the union, or rather reunion, of this, the parent church, with its offshoot, St. Luke, and the demolition of the parish church, and its subsequent transformation into the present north transept of St. Patrick’s Cathedral, the articles, not being required for use, *became lost*, for over a quarter of a century. However, through the instrumentality of Mr. J. B. Merry, of Cork-street, author of “ St. Patrick’s Bells,” who kept a record of their existence, they have recently been found in the neighbourhood of Rathmines, as an heirloom (?) in the custody of the representatives of one of the then churchwardens of St. Nicholas’, who have, upon the application of the present incumbent of St. Luke’s, honourably restored them to the service of the church, by handing them over to the parish authorities.

“ The articles are all of silver, and consist of two flagons, two cups, two patens, one plate, one spoon, and a small pocket service. One of the

patens bears the date 1611, which seems to be the age of the corresponding cup also. The other dates are somewhat later."—(*Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette*, 24th June, 1892.)

The following extract from an article in the *Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette* of 14th August, 1891, headed "Cornwall and Ireland," so truly represents the state of things that exists at the present day respecting our burial-grounds and ruined churches and the memorials of the dead in them, that I have copied it into this Report. It is as follows :—

"Here is the combination, so often found in Ireland, of superstitious regard for certain sites, with practical irreverence. You find an Irish churchyard overgrown with nettles, full of bone heaps, an ugly, depressing, uncared-for place; yet to that spot which they leave thus neglected, many families cling as their burial-ground, and take infinite pains to bring their dead thither from miles away."

"The reverend pile lies wild and waste,
Profaned, dishonoured, and defaced."

An extract from the pen of that well-known and able antiquary, the late Sir William Robert Wilde, reminds us of not only what *was* (when he wrote about 1846), but of what *is* even now taking place throughout Ireland, and of what is still required to preserve our Memorials of the Dead from destruction. He writes :—

"A few years ago, the author and other members of the Celtic Society had considerable trouble in rescuing from destruction the sculptured tombs in the old Church of Lusk, and in the Portlester Chapel attached to St. Audoen's Church, in Dublin, which were about to be sold as 'old materials' to contractors, by the Irish Ecclesiastical Commissioners, composed of archbishops, bishops, judges, and others 'learned in the law,' but neither versed in the history of their country, nor anxious to preserve the monuments of the past."

The above quotation is from Sir William R. Wilde's book on Lough Corrib and Lough Mask.

Sir William R. Wilde, in the same book, also quotes from the Rev. Caesar Otway's description of the ruins of the Abbey of Cong, the following passage :—

"Instead of being allowed to repose in the much-respected solitude of a Tintern, a Bolton, or Fountains, in England, it is now anything but beautiful,

it is not even decent; the *genius loci*, outraged, we might almost personify as weeping, while all round is disgraced and desecrated."

And after describing the rooting pigs and rioting boys that he found enjoying themselves among the ruins, he adds:—

"Whoever enters an Irish abbey, let him be Protestant or Romanist, must sigh for some law appointing conservators able to restrain the ignorant and reckless hands that are, day by day, obliterating the religious monuments of the island."

P. D. VIGORS, Editor.

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Day, Right Rev. M. F., D.D., Bishop of Waterford, &c.				„	Waterford
Willcocks, Rev. Canon W., M.R.S.A.I.	„ Carlow
Hill, Arthur, B.E., M.R.I.A., F.R.S.A.I., &c.	„ Cork
Woods, Cecil C., F.R.S.A.I.	„ „
Kennedy, Very Rev. T. Le B.	„ Monaghan
Mundy, Mrs. Pierrepont	„ Kerry
Gorman, Rev. W. C., Archdeacon of Ossory	„ Kilkenny
Weldon, J. H., J.P., M.R.S.A.I.	„ Limerick
Keene, Rev. James B., M.A., M.R.S.A.I.	„ Meath
Moore, Rev. Canon Courtenay, M.A., M.R.S.A.I.	„ Cork
Graves, Very Rev. Charles, D.D., Bishop of Limerick	„ Limerick
Cooke, John Ormsby, J.P.	„ Sligo
Douglas, M. C., M.R.S.A.I.	„ Carlow
Agar-Ellis, Major the Hon. L.	„ Kilkenny
Townsend, Very Rev. W. C., D.D.	„ Galway
Mahony, D., D.L.	„ Wicklow
Newton, Miss Ada	„ Carlow
Maffett, Rev. Richard S.	„ Dublin
Vicars, Arthur, F.S.A.	„ „
Pigott, William Jackson	„ Down
Stubbs, Miss Lucy	„ Carlow
Royal Irish Academy, the	„ Dublin

Crofton, Miss	...	...	...	...	...	Co. Clare
Wood-Martin, Colonel, M.R.I.A., F.R.S.A.I.						, Sligo
Sindall, Alfred	...	...	...	...	...	, Carlow
Smith, Owen, M.R.S.A.I.	...	...	...	...	...	, Meath
Trench, Miss J.	...	...	...	...	...	, Dublin
Griffith, Miss	...	...	...	...	...	" "
Pratt, Mrs. Fitzmaurice	...	...	...	...	...	" "
Daniel, Miss	...	...	...	...	...	, Westmeath
Campion, Richard G.	...	...	...	...	...	, Cork
Kelly, Miss	...	...	...	Clareville,	,, Mayo	
Kelly, W. E.	...	...	...	St. Helen's,	,,	"
Kelly, Mrs. W. E.	...	...	...	...	...	" "
Kelly, Miss W. E.	...	...	...	...	...	" "
Long, Rev. R. H.	...	...	...	...	...	, Tipperary
Corrigan, Rev. William, c.c.	...	...	...	...	...	, Kilkenny
O'Flynn, Richard	...	...	...	Worcester,	Mass., U.S.A.	
Athy, Andrew	...	...	...	...	...	" "
Rapmond, Rev. Joseph	...	...	...	...	...	Co. Monaghan
Woodhead, Miss	...	Heathfield House, Sussex;	;	,,	Carlow	

Total, 131.

Amongst the names will be observed those of several Life Subscribers.

The expenses for the year 1891 were £57 6s. 6d., being nearly three times greater than those for 1889, chiefly owing to the greatly-increased size of the Report, and to the very large number of illustrations in it.

NO subscriptions have been received from the nine following counties:—

Cavan	Donegal	King's
Leitrim	Derry	Longford
Queen's	Roscommon	Tyrone

And only one each from the three following counties:—

Armagh	Down	Fermanagh
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REPORTS FROM COUNTIES.

C O U N T Y A N T R I M .

DIOCESE OF CONNOR.

Parish of Ahoghill.

Gracehill, a village or colony of the United Brethren, commonly called Moravians. The burial-place is on the summit of a rising ground, enclosed with a hedge and lofty trees. Every tenant of these subterraneous abodes has a peaceable possession of his tenement, and a stone on his grave, recording his name, the day of his birth and departure, and the number of years spent in this mortal vale.

Mr. L. M. Ewart says:—"The present church [of which he gives a drawing] was built in 1863-4, at a cost £3,000, and can accommodate 400.

"The tower and spire rise to a height of 88 feet. The old parish church stood in the town, and was taken down when the new church was built."

FORMER INCUMBENTS.

Paul, who in 1376, became Bishop of Connor.

Adam Naas, 1376.

William Wyne; John O'Neill, Thomas M'Kerney, 1441.

John M'Molyn, 1488.

Alexander Spicer, 1625, Chaplain to the Lord Chancellor.

Richard Shuckburgh, 1629, Dean of Connor.

George Leslie	...	1635	William Evelyn	...	1760
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Henry Lesley	...	1682	Guy Atkinson	...	1767
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Peter Leisley	...	1717	Edward Hudson	...	1795
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Henry Leslie, 1804, afterwards Dean of Connor.

William Greene, 1824, Dean of Achrony.

Robert Alexander, 1828, formerly Archdeacon of Meath.

William Tyrrell	...	1840	Alfred T. Lee, LL.D.	...	1858
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Rev. Edward Patman, M.A., present rector, ind. 1873.

Lewis says the ancient name of this parish was "Maghraoghill," derivation unknown.

"There are some remains of Rory Oge MacQuillan's castle of Straboy, and some tumuli at Moyesett"—he also says that from the numerous remains of forts, and the great number of *tumuli* and human bones found, it appears to have been the scene of much early warfare.

Parish of Ballintoy.

(Continued from page 124.)

An interesting account of this parish will be found in Mason's Survey, vol. i., written in 1814, by the Rector [the Rev. Robert Traill].

He speaks of the ruins of an old church and two burial-grounds contiguous to it, in the townland of Templestragh, supposed to have been the former church for Billy and Ballintoy. He says there is no monument or inscription worthy of notice.

He mentions the frequent finding of stone and bronze implements, &c., hatchets, bracelets, fibulae, vases, urns, and coins.

He speaks of having built his glebe-house in 1788.

Amongst the list of employments or trades of the inhabitants, are one or two which appear now-a-days to require explanation to be understood. I refer to "Letters of Blood—No. 3 (?), and Truggers—No 8 (?)." A table is added, giving the names of the several townlands in the parish, and their English significations; also the proprietors, and other useful information.

Mr. Ewart says:—"The far-famed swinging bridge of Carrick-a-Rede is an object of interest and curiosity for visitors and tourists. The span is about 60 feet, and the height about 90 feet above the water level! The bridge is only about 2 feet wide. It joins the main land to the island called 'Rock in the Road.' " Mason also mentions this bridge. He says that Ballintoy has many attractions for archaeologists and antiquarians.

The Island of Rathlin formerly constituted a portion of this parish, but in 1722, an Act of Council was passed dissolving the union, and constituting the parish of Rathlin.

Ballycastle.

* Church built in 1756; cost £3,000; accommodation 200.

Church Plate—

Chalice—9 inches high, $3\frac{1}{2}$ in diameter, inscribed "Ballycastle Church."

Paten— $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, and inscribed same as the chalice.

These two articles are supposed to have been given by Mr. Hugh Boyd, the founder of this church in 1754.

Mr. Ewart says:—"The church has a good tower and steeple, and three bells, and was built by the late Colonel Boyd.

"The Boyd and Cuppage families are buried in the vaults under the church."

FORMER INCUMBENTS.

Rev. Jonathan Darby ...	1823	Rev. D. C. Courtenay ...	1824
,, John Hogg ...	1823	,, W. Duffin ...	1827

FORMER CURATES.

Rev. C. Lett ...	1829	Rev. L. G. Glenny ...	1840
,, A. O'Beirne ...	1830	,, Walter Rily ...	1841
,, V. P. Griffith ...	1831	,, W. Wrightson ...	1842
,, J. Mulligan ...	1831	,, J. W. Hardman ...	1865
,, W. Stewart ...	1832	,, C. Carter ...	1868
,, M. J. Taylor ...	1840	,, F. W. Hogan ...	1873

Present incumbent, the Rev. Isaac Purcell Barnes, A.B., inducted 1874.

From Ballymoney Old Churchyard.

“MEMENTO MORI.

“HERE LYETH THE BO | DY OF NIVIN AGNEW |
WHO DEPARTED JULY | THE 24TH A.D. 1690 |
AND THE BODY OF WILLI | AM AGNEW WHO
DEPAR | TED FEBRUARY 1708. | ALSO THE BODY
OF JOHN | AGNEW WHO DEPARTED | APRIL THE
23RD 1723 | AGED 83 YEARS.” |

This monument is in the centre of the churchyard.

[Incised Roman capitals.]

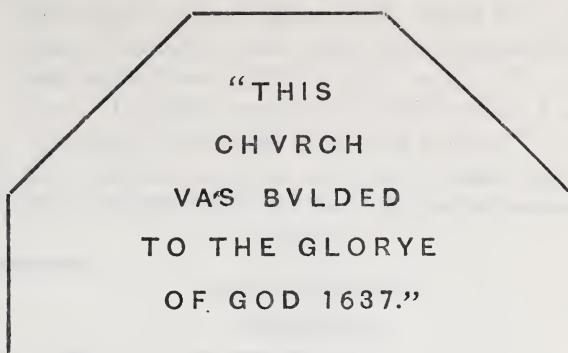
“NEAR TO THIS PLACE LYETH | THE BODY OF
WILLIAM | LESLIE OF PROSPECT ESQR | WHO
DYED THE 27TH OF DE | CEMBER ANNO DONI 1698.”

[Incised Roman capitals.]

“Job 17th and 13th. The grave is my house, | I have made
my bed in the darkness. | Job 19th, 25th, 26th and 27th. I
know my Red | eemer liveth, and that he shall | stand at the
latter day upon the earth, and though worms | destroy this
body yet in my | flesh shall I see God whom | I shall see for
myself, and mine eyes shall behold though my reines be
consumed within me.”

“MARY THE WIFE OF THE | SAID WILLIAM LESLIE
LIETH | INTERRED BY HIM WHO DIED JVLY 31ST
1701.”

On stone inside of tower of Ballymoney Old Church :—



"Rebuilt in 1782. To accommodate 450 persons.

"The present parish comprises the ancient parishes of Ballymoney, Dunlap, and Tullagore.*

"A stone recording the date of the erection of the present church is known to have existed in the wall of the small chancel, but when, in 1868, a new apsidal chancel was built, this date stone disappeared.

Mr. Ewart further mentions the old stone, dated as above, 1637, and adds that in the wall surrounding the graveyard there is a mural tablet dated 1554 or 1557."

The 1637 church was burnt in the troubles of 1641, according to the late Bishop Reeves.

"MOMENTO MORI
HERE : LAYS : THE BODY : OF : WILL | IAM :
RICHART | WHO : DEPART | ED : THIS : LIFE |
JVN : THE : 8TH 1738 | AND : AGED : 33 |
YEARS : 1741." |

[Incised letters—Roman capitals.]

The above stone is near the centre of the churchyard.

"Memento Mori."

"Here were interred | the remains of | JAMES HENRY of
BRAVILLIN | who died about the year 1717 |
and ELIZABETH his wife who | died the 13th of
Nov. 1737 far | advanced in years | also JAMES HENRY
junr and WILLIAM | his brother the former of whom | died
in 1728 or 29 of a wound | he received in a duel and the
latter in 1730 | both in the prime of life | most
sincerely and deservedly | lamented by all their
relatives | and acquaintances."

[The above is near the centre of the churchyard.]

* See Lavens M. Ewart's "Handbook of Down, Connor, and Dromore," 1886.

"HERE LYETH THE | BODY OF JOHN COMOCK WHO |
DEPARTED JANR. | 26TH 1707 AGED | 46 ALSO
JEAN | HACKET HIS WIFE | WHO DEPARTED |
DECEMBER THE | 16TH 1726 AGED | 70 ALSO
JOHN | COMOCK THERE | GRANDSON WHO | DIED
JAN. THE | 16TH 1738 AGED | 14 YEARS."

[This is on a flat stone, near the north wall, in raised letters. Above the epitaph is something like a man's head, and a coat-of-arms underneath.]

Ballymoney.

LIST OF INCUMBENTS.

FORMER RECTORS.

Rev. —— Makin or Machin, date unknown.

„ —— Hall, date unknown.

„ —— Sims [lived in Dublin], date unknown.

„ Robert M. Mant, 1826–29.

Very Rev. William Greene, formerly Rector of St. Olave's, London, Dean of Achonry, 1829.

Rev. Wm. St. John Smyth, a native of Waterford, and sometime Chancellor of Down, and Rector of Ballyphilip, Co. Down, died 1843.

Rev. James Russell Phillott, Precentor of Connor, 1847.

Rev. Thomas Knox, 1865.

„ A. G. Gilmore, 1871.

„ Wm. M. Johnston, 1874. Mr. Johnston resigned the parish in 1880, and accepted the incumbency of St. Stephen's, East Twickenham, Surrey.

The Rev. Thomas M. Benson is the present incumbent (1886).

FORMER CURATES.

Rev. Chas. Oulton	...	1807	Rev. —— Mussen	..	1864
„ James Dunseath	...	1826	„ M. C. Browne	...	1864
„ Ferguson Creery	...	1847	„ S. A. Brenan	...	1866
„ F. Bewley	...	1856	„ James Miller	...	1870
„ J. Wilson	...	1864	„ W. Wilson	...	1873

Rev. C. Leo Garde, 1875, afterwards became Archdeacon of Natal.

Rev. G. G. Parkinson, 1876, now (1886) Rector of Galloon or Newtownbutler.

Rev. Henry Grattan Moore, 1878, became Rector of Magherahamlet, Co. Down, and emigrated to Canada in 1884.

Rev. J. P. Glanville, 1879, died in 1884 in London.

Rev. Chas. Mercer Stickings, 1881, accepted a living in the Scotch Episcopal Church.

Rev. George Gore Mervyn, 1883, removed to Belfast.

Rev. J. Wright, Rev. C. M. Stack, Rev. W. Wallace.

Mr. Ewart mentions that about 1845, the sexton, digging close to the foundation of the old church, fell into an ancient cellar, which rumour says

was at one time connected, by a subterranean passage, with the castle and Bishop's house.

In this wine cellar [which was at first erroneously supposed to be a sepulchral vault] were found a silver chalice, an earthen pitcher, a curiously-shaped hammer, and a human skull ; unfortunately, none of these have been retained.

Parish of Billy.



Prope hic jacet corpus Reverendi
ARCHIBALDI MCNEILE Evengeli praeco-
nis una cum Uxore Patre Avo et
plurimis aliis consanguineis
qui obiit 4^{to} die 7bris 1718.

“ Stone, now in north side of wall, separating new and old churchyards of Billy parish. It was found inside the ruins of the old church, and some years ago was built into the wall where it now is.”

[Incised modern letters.]

“ Archibald M'Neill was vicar of Billy and of Ballintoy, and in 1673, and again in 1708, was also curate of Derrykeighan, but only for a year or two each time, under the non-resident rector, Lemuel Mathews.”

“ Daniel M'Neile was rector, or vicar, of Ballintoy in 1661, and was succeeded in 1670 by John M'Neile, and he, in 1690, by Archibald M'Neile ; most probably John and Daniel are the father and grandfather of the epitaph.”

“ Adair's narrative says, ‘ Donald M'Neile opposed the appointment of the Presbyterian, Jeremy O'Quin, in 1644. Most likely he was a relative of Daniel M'Neile who tried to prevent his ejection by the Presbytery of the Scotch army.’ ”

For O'Quin's inscription see p. 126 of 1890 Report.

Church Plate—

It consists of a chalice and paten, both solid silver, and with the following inscription on them :—

“ For the Parish of Billy, 1723.”

‘ No one knows who supplied this plate.’

Lewis says of “ Billy,” The “ Giant's Causeway” is within the limits of this parish.

"The church was built in 1815, by aid of a gift of £800, and a loan of £500 from the "Board of First Fruits."

"The Glebe House was built in 1810, by the Rev. T. Babington, Vicar.

"The Ven. Archdeacon Traill, in 1831, bequeathed £50 for the use of the poor of the parish,

"There are [1837] some remains of the ancient Castle of Ballylough, which was of much importance."

The Ven. Anthony Traill appears to have been appointed to this parish in 1782, and to have held it until 1830.

Robert M. Maut appears as Vicar from 1823 to 1830. The returns available do not give any later dates.

ARMORIAL BEARINGS, FROM TOMBSTONES IN THE PARISH OF CARNMONEY,
COUNTY ANTRIM, WITH FAMILY NOTES BY FRANCIS JOSEPH BIGGER, ARDRIE,
BELFAST.

"The Plantation of Ulster during the latter part of the sixteenth and commencement of the seventeenth centuries brought a new people into Ireland. These Scots and Saxons invariably took advantage of the old Celtic grave-yards, although they often allowed the churches to fall into ruins. The grave-yards of Antrim are particularly rich in stones bearing armorial designs; these, it is true, are often very rude, but their existence clearly proves the connection between the settlers and the original families in England and Scotland.

"The arms and names in the annexed illustration [see p. 286], are without exception Scotch, and principally from the Lowlands; they comprise all the armorial stones in existence or known to have existed in the church-yard of Carnmoney. This parish adjoins Shankill, or Belfast Parish, and was anciently called Cuile.

"The ancient grave-yard and ruins of Monkstown are in the parish, but there are no armorial bearings on the very few stones there.

"The stones are roughly of two classes; first, those with sculpture in high relief, and carved on the backs; and, second, those not deeply carved but in sunk panels on the faces of the stones. None of the carvings indicate the heraldic tinctures in the arms. Nearly all the arms are surrounded with mantling, and many with rude emblems of mortality. None are sculptured with what is known as 'religious emblems,' and this is accounted for by the entirely Scottish and Presbyterian character of the settlers, who held strong views in regard to such matters. None of the arms correspond with those given in Robson's Heraldry, save the Farquhars, which are similar to that family of Gillmyrs-croft, Scotland.

"The majority of the stones were graven between the years 1700 and 1790, and are as a rule in fair preservation, although their appearance might be much enhanced if they were straightened and raised out of their present sunken condition. It is to be hoped that none will be lost sight of or destroyed, as has unfortunately happened in a few cases. The modern proprietors of graves should not supplant the fine old stones with modern

vulgar slabs of white marble. The beauty and convenience of Carnmoney grave-yard has lately been much interfered with by the erection of a great number of high iron railings around graves, which render a passage through the yard very difficult. The Incumbent should not allow these railings to be put up, and his prohibition of same would be for the public good.

"I shall now describe in detail the stones as appearing in the illustration, giving a few notes of the families, that I have been able to gather in the short leisure at my disposal. The dates are the first given on the stones."

"I. *Fulton*.—1734. This name is very common in the parish at the present time, so that the original settlers must have multiplied rapidly. Many modern stones bear the name of Fulton, which is a Lowland Scottish name. The Arms are cut on the back of a small red sandstone, in low relief, and are:—Quarterly, first, a fleur-de-lys; second, a chevron, in base a fleur-de-lys; third, a wool-pack corded; fourth, four lozenges in bend. Surmounting the shield an esquire's helmet with mantling. Crest: an arm embowed in armour holding a sword. Motto over crest, "Press Throw." (The helmet and crest are reversed, and probably the entire coat is so.)*

"II. *Querie*.—1770. This name is still represented in the parish, and the family have long been connected with it. The arms are cut in a small panel on the face of a yellow sandstone, and are:—A cross between four roses. Surmounting the shield an esquire's helmet with mantling. Crest: a rose slipped. Motto over crest: *En Dieu est tout.*†

"III. *Farquhar*.—1757. Bearers of this name own land adjoining the church-yard, and would still pass for Scotch, although they have long resided in the parish. The arms are cut in a small panel on the face of a yellow sandstone; they are:—A Lion rampant between three sinister hands, two chief, one base. Surmounting the shield an esquire's helmet with mantling. Crest: A dexter hand. Motto over crest: *Sto cado fide et armis.*

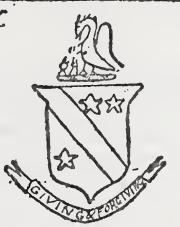
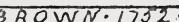
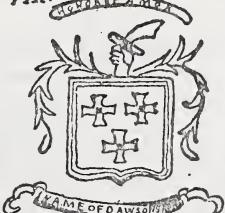
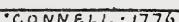
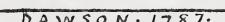
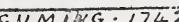
"IV. *Brown*.—1752. There is now but one representative of this family living, and he does not reside in the parish. These arms are most

* Close to this stone is one belonging to the Fee family, on the back of which is cut the lines:—

" Go home, my friends, in love,
And do not mourn;
We must lie here,
Till Christ return."

+ Near this stone is one containing the following quaint epitaph in memory of two children:—

" Their lamps were trimmed,
Their hearts were true;
Their Saviour called,
Away they flew."

I. 	II. 	III. 
FULTON · 1734 · 	GUERIE · 1770 	FARQUHAR · 1734 · 
IV. 	V. 	VI. 
BROWN · 1732 · 	BIGGER · 1788 · 	MARSHALL · 1777 · 
VII. 	VIII. 	IX. 
M' CONNELL · 1776 · 	DAWSON · 1787 · 	CUMMING · 1742 · 
X. 	XI. 	XII. 
SHAW · 1714 · DRAWN BY F. J. B.	DICKEY · 1713 ·	STARLING · 1740 ·

beautifully and artistically cut in a panel on the face of a slate, and have been repaired, but are in fairly good condition. The arms are :—A chevron between three fleurs-de-lys, all within a bordure. Surmounting the shield an esquire's helmet with mantling. Crest : A demi-lion holding in dexter paw fleur-de-lys. Motto : *Labor omnia vincit.*

“V. *Bigger*.—1788. A family long resident at Biggerstown, adjoining this parish, and also in Belfast. The original settlers came about 1640 from Nithsdale, in Scotland. “The arms have been recut on the old stone, but the writer was informed that they were engraved on a much older stone, which was unfortunately destroyed at the pulling down of the old Church. The arms are :—A bend between three mullets, two in chief and one in base. Crest : A pelican in her piety. Motto, on scroll under shield : *Giving and Forgiving.*

“VI. *Marshall*.—1777. This family is extinct in the parish, but there are some representatives through the female line. They formerly held a considerable quantity of land near Carnmoney Meeting-house. The Rev. Futt Marshall, of Ballyclare, was a member of the family, and the present Master of the Rolls, Andrew Marshall Porter, is also of the same extraction. There are two yellow sandstones (similar in all respects), with the Marshall arms engraved in panels upon the faces. The arms are :—Three rose leaves, two and one. Surmounting the shield an esquire's helmet with mantling. Crest : A cross pattee.

“VII. *McConnell*.—1776. This family still survives in the parish, and some of them have long resided at Whitehouse. The cross roads of Carnmoney and Ballyclare were long known as McConnell's town, but no land-owners of the name are there now. There is another stone of the family, adjoining the sculptured one, setting out a long list of charitable legacies of a deceased McConnell. The arms are cut in a panel on the face of a yellow sandstone ; they are :—An ancient lymphad galley, issuing from the sinister chief a hand holding a cross pattee. Surmounting the shield an esquire's helmet with mantling. Crest : A mountain (?)

“VIII. *Dawson*.—1787. This family is now extinct in the male line in the parish. They were formerly large land-holders, but were accused of having taken land over the heads of the tenants, from the Marquis of Donegall, which gave rise to The Hearts of Steel in this neighbourhood. The arms are quite differently cut from any other in the Church-yard. The shield itself is sunk, and the crosses charged thereon are countersunk. The whole is done on a very bold and large scale, on the face of a big slab of red sandstone. The arms are :—Three crosses square pierced, the ends pattee, all within a bordure. Crest : A hand holding a scimitar, with mantling springing from same. Motto over crest : *Honor et Amor*, and on the ribbon beneath the shield, “The ancient and honorable name of Dawson's arms.”

“IX. *Cumin*.—1742. Not now known in the parish, nor can any trace of them be found saving a few short records in the Session Book. The

arms are well cut on the back of a red sandstone; they are:—Quarterly first, a stag's head couped facing to the sinister. Second, a covered cup (?). Third, a garb. Fourth quarter enlarged; a charge like a five-branched candlestick, and from each side of the shield issue three demi fleurs-de-lys. Surmounting the shield an esquire's helmet facing to the sinister with mantling. Crest: Two rams' horns. Motto, on a compartment under shield: *Memento Mori.* These arms are probably reversed.

“X. *Shaw*.—1714. This is the only armorial sculpture in Carnmoney not in the parish Church-yard. It is built into the wall of the Presbyterian Meeting-house, as a monument to a former benefactor, John Shaw, of Ganway, who gave a sum of money for the repair of the Meeting-house, and also presented six silver chalices to the same, all of which bear a smaller reproduction of the Shaw Arms, and the date 1714. John Shaw, of Ganway, was a land-owner near Donaghadee, Co. Down, and was also connected with property in Ballyrobin and Carmevy, Co. Antrim. Page 250 of the “Montgomery Manuscripts” fully explains the position of this family. The crest is not the Shaw crest, but was borne by the McGills, who were relations of the Shaws. The arms are well cut on a marble slab built into the west wall of the porch. It was repaired and painted, the body blue and the columns white, in the year 1777, at an expense of eight shillings and three half-pence; and it is also recorded in the Session Book that Samuel Snoddie, the painter, could abate nothing off this sum. The arms are:—Three covered cups, surmounted by an esquire's helmet, with mantling. Crest: A Phoenix in flames. Motto: *I mean well.*

“XI. *Dickey*.—1713. This is the only sculptured stone without armorial bearings that is mentioned here; but its recent discovery and its peculiar character are a sufficient excuse for it appearing in this paper. This stone was believed to exist, but its whereabouts had long been unknown, until this winter the writer and the sexton were able to discover its position at the foot of a grave, almost covered with the earth. Something will be done to have it suitably set up, now that it has been found. The writer can find no trace of the family of Dickey, but the stone mentions them as of Jordanstown. The name is common enough in Templepatrick. The curious representation of a large man in a square-cut coat and a queue, holding a small plough, whilst a large boy with a club drives diminutive horses, the whole surmounted by emblems of death. The design is cut deeply on the back of a small thick yellow sandstone. The plough, &c., is placed under a square tablet, upon which the following appropriate text is engraved:—‘No man having put his hand to the plough and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God.’ Underneath, the name Dickey of Jordanstown, and date (now nearly effaced). On the front of the stone is a verse of a very old hymn, repeated elsewhere in the graveyard:—

“I died yet surely life I have,
A life though lying in my grave;
I rest in hope I shall Him see,
Who purchased true life for me.”

"XII. *Starling*.—1740. The family of Starling, or Sterling, has ceased to exist in the district. They formerly resided at Monkstown. The arms are the finest and boldest cut in the Church-yard, but unfortunately the sculptor has reversed all. The design covers the entire back of a medium-sized yellow sandstone. Two classical columns support a tympanum containing a cherub. In the centre are the arms, viz.:—On a bend between two mullets, three buckles. Surmounting the shield, an esquire's helmet with mantling. Crest: A starling.

In conclusion, the author wishes to express his indebtedness to his friends, W. F. M'Kinney, of Carnmoéy, for many family particulars, and John Vinycomb, F.R.S.A., for much heraldic information.

The writer will contribute a paper, in the next Report, on the armorial stones of Templepatrick, County Antrim.

Parish of Culfeightrin—“Cújl-eachṭrín,” “The Corner of the Strangers.”—(Joyce.)

“Within the enclosed burying-ground of a gentleman in the churchyard of Culfeightrin, near Ballycastle, is a small black pillar-stone with the following inscription:—

“ANNIE August 25, 1857.”

“Between the name and the date is the figure of a drooping snowdrop beautifully painted in natural colours, with the stalk of the flower broken and the head drooping.”

INCUMBENTS.

Rev. Charles Hill, 1785.	Rev. John Bolton Greer, 1874.
Rev. C. S. Courtney, A.M., 1850.	Rev. H. Robert Taylor, A.B., induct.
Rev. T. R. Wrightson, 1865.	1879.

[Ewart.]

The present church was consecrated in 1829; cost £600.

Cushendall—“**Lade**,” or “**Layde**.”

Rev. G. N. Wright, in describing this place in 1823, says:—“About one mile south of the village, close by the shore, and in a sequestered glen, stands the ruined chapel of Lade, said to be founded by the McFails. The choir was about 80 feet in length, and rather narrow in proportion. At the western end some apartments remain—a small dormitory, and a vaulted apartment in the basement storey, 24 feet by 21 feet.

The guides here call this ruin the “Nunnery” of Lade, and it has been totally neglected by Archdall and Dr. Lanigan.

The cemetery around is a favoured burial-ground, where the same disrespect of the relics of the dead prevails, which so much disgraces the character of the Irish peasantry.

“Cushendall lies just three miles south of Cushendun.”

Incumbent in 1886 :—

"The Rev. William Thompson, M.A., ord. 1870, ind. 1873. Curate, the Rev. Geo. H. Christie, B.A., appd. 1884.

"The Rev. J. Story."

[Ewart.]

Lewis gives Cushendall an *alias* of 'Newtown-Glenns.' He says the surrounding country is strikingly romantic.

Church built in 1832 by a gift of £900 from the Board of First Fruits.

He further says that this parish was the residence of the " McAuleys of the Glynns," who joined the standard of MacDonnel at the celebrated battle of Aura in 1596.

"The ancient church is in ruins, but the cemetery is still used. The poet Ossian is said to have been born here."

Parish of Derrykeighan.

The following inscriptions have been copied and sent to me by the Rev. Hugh McNeill, Rector of this parish :—

"In the S.E. corner of the ruins of the old church, on a flat stone :—

" HERE · LYETH · Y · BODY | OP · Y · REVEREND ·
JOHN | ORR · MINIS · OF · CAR | NCVLLOCH · WHO |
DEPARTED · THIS · L | IFE · Y . 5d · OF · DECE |
1745 · AGED · 58." |

The tombstones of Kathrin Boyd, Margret Boyd, Robert Stirling and John Orr, touch each other.

An upright stone has on it, in raised letters :—

" HERE LYETH THE | BODY OF ELIZ | ABETH |
SMITH | WHO DEP | ARTED THIS LI | FE
FEBRVARY | THE 22 · 1736." |

Mr. Reade, writing in 1857, speaks of the "rank herbage" he found in the churchyards he visited in the North of Ireland; also of the obliterated inscriptions—thanks in a great degree "to the feet of the loiterers in the churchyards."

" HERE LYETH THE BODY | OF MR JAMES CIARR |
OF CLINTYFINAN WHO | DEPARTED THIS LIFE |
THE 6TH MAY 1735. | AGED 60 YEARS." |

The above is on a flat tombstone near the N.E. corner of the old church. The letters are incised.

Old church, near the S.E. corner :—

“HERE LIETH THE BODY | OF MATHEW CAMP-
BELL | WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE | DECEMBER
THE 20TH 1738 | AGED 76 YEARS ALSO | ISABEL
CAMPBELL HIS | WIFE WHO DEPARTED | THIS
LIFE DECEM^R THE | 13TH 1739 AGED 74 YEARS |
LIKEWISE ROBERT ELDER | THEIR SON IN LAW
WHO | DEPARTED THIS LIFE APRIL | THE 4TH
1744. AGED 40 YEARS.” |

“IENAT CAMP | BELL WHO DEP | ARTED THE 10 |
OF DECEMBER 1715 | ALSO OF MARGARE | T
CAMPBELL W | HO DEPARTD TH | E 18 OF
SEPTEMBE | R 1714 ELISEBTH C | AMPBELL WHO
D | EPARTED THE 14 OF NOVEMBER 1711. |
Children to the said Math.” |

The top inscription is in incised, and the lower one in raised letters ; except the bottom line, “Children to the said Mathew,” which is in incised letters.

“An epitaph to several more Campbells—evidently an older inscription at the top of the *flat tombstone*—was removed, and about 1744, the upper epitaph put in its place. Of the original inscription *nothing remains* except the words in the groove at the bottom, which run from left to right.”

HEIR · LYITH · THE · CORPIS · OF · I · ANE · FATHFVL ·
SISTIR · IN · THE · LORD · CALID · MARGRAT · BOYD ·
DOCH · TER · TO · ARCHIBALD · BO · YD · OF ·
CARNCOLAGH · AND · SVMTYM · WYF · TO · WILLIAM · I
HVCHISOVN · OF · STRO · NOCVM · 9VHO · DE · I SIST ·
THE · OI · OF · IVNE · I 1625.

“Copy from flat tombstone near S.E. corner of ruins of old Derrykeighan Church. Letters incised.

Archibald Boyd got from Sir Randal M'Donnell (afterwards Lord Antrim) a lease of Carncollagh in 1612; he was one of the Protestant Scotch settlers. He is frequently named in the ancient records.

The wife being called by her maiden name, is a custom still common in the neighbourhood.—(See *Kilkenny Journal of Archaeology*, page 49, 1858.)”*

* In the centre of this stone is a shield with arms, a fess chequy, and in base 2 annulets (?) or rings, charged with a mullet each. The letters W. H. are on either side of this shield, and M. B. beneath it.

HERE LIETH THE | BODY OF GILBERT MC COOK OF
 MOYCR | EG WITH HI | S WIFE MARY MC MVRCHY
 WH | O DEPARTED T | HIS LIFE THE | 22 DAY OF
 M | ARCH IN THE | YEAR OF GO | D 1677 | ALSO
 IOHN | MC COOK W | HO DEPARTE | D · APRIL 22 |
 1730 AGED 80 | YEARS.

"The above inscription is on a flat stone, in raised Roman capital letters, 2½ inches long; several are conjoined; some are much worn and obliterated.*

For more about these tombs, see above-named Journal for 1858, vol. ii., part i., p. 48.

" HERE · LYETH · THE | BODY · OF · MARTH | A
 FERGUSON · W | HO · DEPARTE | D · THIS · LIFE ·
 THE | 18 · OF · JANUAR | Y · 1743." |

The above is at the north side of the old Derrykeighan Church. The letters are incised.

" HERE · LYETH | THE · BODY · OF | N · POAK · WH |
 DEPARTED · TH | SETBP | 14 · 1715." |

" HERE · LYETH · THE · BO | DY · OF · GENNAT |
 FERGUSON · WHO | DEPARTED · THIS · LI | FE ·
 THE · l · OF · JANU | ARY · 1745 · AGE · 19." |

On south side old Derrykeighan Church.

" HERE LYETH THE | BODY OF IAME | S · HVEY ·
 WHO | DEPARTED THIS LIFE NOVEMBE | R · 25 ·
 1712." |

This stone is about 17 inches wide, and is on the left-hand of centre walk.

" HERE LYETH THE | BODY OF MARE | WHITE
 WHO DEP | THIS LIFE 11 1722 · | AGED 83 · 1760." |

"Here lyeth the body of," is in raised letters; rest incised. Stone about 18 inches wide, on left side of entrance walk.

* On this stone, a hand, a sword (?), and what Mr. Reed calls a cook's chopper, but which appears to be meant for a flag and flagstaff, are to be seen.

"HERE LYETH THE | BODY OF WILIAM |
GAMB[LE?] WHO D | EPARTED THIS LI | FE |
APRIL THE | 1728 · AGE · 61." |

This stone is near Peter Gamble's.

"HERE LYETH THE | BODY OF MARY | GALT WHO
DE | PARTED THIS LIF | E APRIL THE 20 1725 |
AGE 24." |

Incised letters; on right-hand of centre wall. Stone 18 inches wide.

"HERE LYS THE | BODY OF AGNE | S GETY WHO
DEPARTED | 25 APRIL 1715." |

The above is in incised letters on an upright stone, about 14 inches wide.

Parish of Dunaghy.

"There are a great number of sepulchral monuments erected in the burial-ground of Dunaghy, besides some decent tombstones. The monument erected to the Crawford family has the ensigns armorial, and the motto very justly expressed by the sculptor; and also that to Mr. Hamilton, of Mount Hamilton, is well executed. The monuments erected to some other families are of a late date, as well as their origin. The vanity of mortals is nowhere more remarkable than in the graveyard of Dunaghy."

"LIST OF INCUMENTS, TAKEN FROM REGAL VISITATION BOOKS AND THOSE OF THE FIRST FRUITS OFFICE."

"1633 ann. Donaghie Rex patronus. PATRICIUS KER, rector, valet 30£ per ann.

"DAVID LUTFORT curatus.

"ANDREAS ROWANE admis. fuit, 13 die Sept. 1661, ad rector. de Donaghie, in Dioc. Connoren. non tax.

"ARCHIBALDUS AYTON ad rect. de Deinachy Diœc. Connor. Com. Antr. 15^o Oct. 1717.

"Rectoria de Dunaghii in Dœces et Com. predict. vacant per mortem naturalem Revdi. ARCHIBALDI AYTON, predict. nuper rector. ejusd.

"JOHES MAXWELL inductus fuit in ead. vices^o octavo die, mensis Jan. (1720).

"JAMES MAXWELL cler. institut. ad ead. 20 Januarii, 1721

"GEO. ROGERS, R. Dunaghy, 11 Sept. 1763.

"ALEX. CLARKE, R. Dunaghy, 12 Sept. 1769.

"WILLIAM MAYNE, admitted, instituted, and collated Rector of Dunaghy, Antrim, 18 May, 1797."

Mr. Ewart gives the following :—

Rev. William Ravenscroft	1794	Rev. Chas. Lett	...	1848
“ William Maine ...	1798	“ Wm. Edward Mulgan	and	1869
“ Richard Russell ...	1818			
“ William Wolsey ...	1831	“ William MacDonagh,		
“ John S. Monsell ...	1847		ord. 1874, ind.	1876

FORMER CURATES.

Rev. Hugh Wilson ...	1794	Rev. John Wilson ...	1837
“ Robert Casement ...	1830	“ William Boyce ...	1841
“ Cadwaller (<i>sic</i>) Wolsley	1831	“ Osbert Denton Toosey	1845

The present church, Mr. Ewart says, was built in 1841–2, and cost £1,500. The old church was built some hundred years ago, and was too far away for the people. Its history, he says, is interesting, and will be found in Reeves's "Antiquities," and in Hill's book on the Co. Antrim.

Dunluce.

In the graveyard adjoining the old church at Dunluce, is a stone with the following inscription :—

“ Here lies the Body of MARY, daughter of JAMES THOMPSON,
who departed this life March, 1840, aged 8 years.

Doctors nor physicians could not save
My mortal Body from this grave ;
Nor can this grave confine me here
When Christ, my Saviour, shall appear.

Erected by AGNES THOMPSON of Philadelphia.”

“ And in the same churchyard of Dunluce, is a headstone, on which are carved these words :—

“ Sacred to the memory of the late Reverend, learned, pious,
and faithful servant of Jesus Christ,

JOHN CAMERON,

45 years Dissenting Minister in the Parish of Dunluce. He
died Dec : 31, 1799, aged 75 years.

This erected by his son William.”

[Mason.]

Of this parish Mr. Ewart writes :—“ Present church—Foundation stone laid 1821 ; cost £1,200 ; accom. 250.

“ The Church of Dunluce was pronounced unsuitable to hold worship in ; it was accordingly unroofed in 1821 and left a ruin, and the present church of the parish was raised by the side of the old Church of Portcaman.* Happily for posterity, he adds, the name Portcaman has not survived that of Dunluce.”

* Lewis says that the old church was a ruin in 1625.

FORMER INCUMBENTS.

Rev. Edward Leslie	—	Rev. Henry Murphy	...	1849
” Robert Hill	... 1783	” John Gibbs	...	1853
” Willm. Philipps	... 1791	” Ed. Maguire	...	1865
” C. McD. Stewart	... 1808	” C. T. Ovenden	...	1872
” James Morewood*	... 1826			

FORMER CURATES.

Rev. John Macay	... 1782	Rev. Edwd. Syng	...	1852
” Thos. Babington	... 1785	” G. B. Sayers	...	1854
” David Dunkin	... 1787	” A. P. Doherty	...	1860
” Fielding Ould	... 1825	” Ar. Wrixon	...	1863
” John Corken	... 1827	” O. H. Phipps	...	1864
” Jos. Corrigan	... 1843	” H. Taylor	...	1870
” G. V. Chichester	... 1844			

Present incumbent, Rev. Charles Frizell, ord. 1873, ind. 1879.

In the Rev. George Hill's "The MacDonells of Antrim," 1873, I find the following notes of this parish. He speaks of a Scottish colony who held Dunluce, but the town being taken from them by the Irish, the Scotch were all sent back to their own country. Still, a few traces, he says, may be found of these Scotch settlers in the old churchyard. A little to the south of the Castle, round the edges of a tombstone, is the following inscription:—

"HEIR LYETH THE CHILDREN OF
WALTER KYD, MARCHANT OF
DUNLUCE, BURGESS OF IRWIN
HE MADE THES STONE TENTH OF
MARCH IN ANNO DOMINI 1630."

"Inside the old ruinous church, in the north wall, is a tablet which bears the following inscription:—

"HERE · UNDER · LYETH · THE · BODY ·
OF · FLORENCE · MC · PHILIP · ALIAS
HAMILTON · LATE WIFE OF · ARCH-
BALD · MC PHILIP · OF · DUNLUCE ·
MERCHT · AND · DAUGHTER · TO ·"

* Erick, in his Register for 1830, shows Mr. Stewart as Rector on that date, and James Morewood at Lumbeg.

CAPTAIN · ROBERT · HAMILTON · OF ·
GLADY · WHO · DEPARTED · THIS ·
LIFE · THE 20TH OF JULY 1674."

"Death can dissolve but not destroy
Who sang in Tears shall reap in joy."

Lewis says Dunluce was the residence of the great chieftain, Mac Quillan. For further particulars see Lewis, Art. Dunluce.

C O U N T Y A R M A G H .

Parish of Ballymoyer.

"The Protestant church was built in the reign of Charles the First, and roofed with oak, but never had been covered in till after Doctor Dunville had been appointed to the deanery of Armagh, which may have been about fifty years ago (1816). In this uncovered state the oak joists were stolen by the country people, and it is now roofed with foreign fir. A new Catholic chapel has been erected within these twelve years. The Rev. Edward M'Renagh is the pastor.

"Lewis says of this parish, that it was formerly called Tahellen, and was the site of a religious establishment founded by St. Patrick. The ancient church was destroyed by fire in 670. The ancient cemetery may still be traced in the demesne of Ballymoyer Lodge. The walls of a church were erected in the reign of King Charles the First, but, the clergyman having been murdered, they remained unroofed till 1775. The present church was built in 1822.

"The remains of the former church are in good preservation. Near the E. end is a remarkably large ash tree, beneath the shade of which are deposited the remains of FLORENCE-MAC-MOYER, otherwise Mac Wire or Mac Guire, a Franciscan Friar, upon whose evidence Primate Plunkett was executed at Tyburn, in 1680."

"A number of objects, such as cinerary urns, coins, and curiously-marked stones, 'have been found near here.'"

Parish of Ballymore.

"TANDRAGEE Church, or, as it was formerly called, TAWNATELEE, or Mounterkenny, was built by Sir Oliver St. John [afterwards Lord Grandison], in 1622. Tandragee, up to this date, was the seat of the famous Irish chieftain, REDMOND O'HANLON. The church was originally built with walls 4 ft. thick, and mounted with cannon. It was burnt down by the rebels in 1641, and rebuilt by Captain Henry St. John, in 1671. He was murdered by the O'Hanlon tribe the following year."

The following is a list of the rectors :—

1622. Nathaniel Drayton.	1757. Alexander Bissett, D.D.
1666. Cladius Gilbert.	1759. Henry Leslie, D.D.
1668. Rodger Jones (<i>sic</i>).	1803. Thomas Carter, M.A., who became Dean of Tuam in 1813.
1677. Laurence Power, M.A.	1849. Mortimer O'Sullivan, D.D., the famous preacher and orator.
1696. Christopher Sheares, B.A.	1859. Arthur Molony, M.A.
1704. William Major, M.A.	1886. William M'Endoo, B.D.
1725. Thomas Blennerhassett, M.A.	
1732. Caleb De Butts, LL.D.	
1733. William Godley, M.A.	
1740. Barclay Cope, M.A.	

“A curious epitaph is on a headstone of very plain structure, the size of which is about 3 feet square. It is evidently very old, but has no date. It is as follows :—

“Here lyeth John, Elizabeth, and Mary, son and daughters to David Whalley.”

“As you are now
So onst were we
As we are now
So shall you be.”

“The following is the oldest epitaph in this churchyard” :—

“Here lyeth the body of NICHOLAS MARKS who departed this life 1675, also his daughter who died 1721.”

“Another headstone reads thus” :—

“Here lieth the body of JOHN WHITTEN of Tandragee who departed this life Nov. 1774, also his son JOHN WHITTEN who died Oct. 24, 1751.”

“Amidst the patriot band for many a year
He shone in arms a graceful Volunteer,
Amidst the numerous candidates of grace
In glorious hope, he ran the Christian race
By faith sustained, in humble life he moved
A useful member, and by all beloved,
Then to his Saviour, yielded up his breath
Thro' grace triumphant, over sin and death.”

[From the Rev. W. M'Endoo.]

Lewis, writing in 1837, says :—“The church is a spacious and handsome structure, in the early-English style, with an embattled tower crowned with pinnacles, and was erected in 1812, at an expense of

£2,200, of which £1,500 was a loan from the late 'Board of First Fruits,' and £700 from Lady Mandeville. The glebe comprises 520 acres [!!]. There are three R. C. chapels in the union.

'There are some slight remains of the ancient church, where are two extensive cemeteries nearly adjoining each other, in one of which "the noted REDMUND O'HANLON, the Irish Rapparee," is interred.'

Parish of Creggan

LIST OF INCUMBENTS.

'Taken from the Chapter-book of the Cathedral of Armagh, and the records of the First Fruits Office' :—

"Reg. Vis. 1615 ann Rector. de Creggan, Reverendus in Xpo. pa. THEOPHILUS DROMOREN, epus. Rior. Mr. PATRICIUS DUNKYN, Cur.

"THEOPHILUS DROMOREN, epus. admiss. 18^o Sept. 1617, ad Thesauriat sci. PATRITII. ARMACAN, non taxat. Rector. de Creggan 24 Comp.

"JONES FORWARD, institut. fuit primo die Feb. 1662, ad Rector. de Creggan, in Com. Armagh, £18 ster.

"GULIELMUS SMYTH, institut. fuit 24^o die mensis April 1668, ad Rector. de Creggan, in Dioec. Armachan. valet £18 ster.

"ANDREAS BRERETON, cler. collat. fuit die Maii, 1682, ad Rector de Creggan, Dioc. Armacan, £18.

"Rev. GUL. WHITE, cler. collat. fuit 4 die November, 1727, ad Thesauriat, ad sine Thesauriat dignit Eccliae. Cathlis de Armagh, et ad Rector. de Creggan, in Com. et Diœces. Armagh."

"Revdus. HUGO HILL, cler. collatus. fuit 16^o die Maii, 1728, ad Thesauriat dignitat, Eccliae. Cathlis. de Armagh, et ad Rector de Creggan, in Com. et Diœc. Armagh."

"FRANCIS HAMILTON, D.D., collated 29th July, 1773, Treasurer of the Cathedral of Armagh, Rec. Creggan, V. Creggan, Dioc. Armagh, Com. Louth.

"JAMES ARCHIBALD HAMILTON, collated 1st March, 1784, Treasurer Armagh, R. Creggan, V.

"Hon. PERCY JOCELYN, collated 18th March, 1790, Treasurership Cathedral Armagh, R. V. Creggan.*

"HENRY STEWART, instituted and installed 27th Sept., 1809, Treasurer of the Cathedral of St. Patrick's, Armagh, R. Creggan, V. same, Dioc. Armagh, County Louth.

[Mason.]

"CHARLES ATKINSON, R. and V., 1817."

[Erck, 1830.]

* Afterwards Bp. of Ferns and Leighlin.

Parish of Kilmore.

[From the Rev. W. P. Magee.]

“Here lyeth the
Body of Thomas Bradshaw

“HERE lyeth the | BODY OF THOMAS
late of Belfast who died 22nd
PALM | ER WHO DEPARTED
November 1811 aged 81 years
THIS | LIFE SEPTEMBER YE 2ND
also Margaret Bradshaw wife of
1740 AGED 61 YEARS.” |
above named died | the 20th April 1878
aged 77 years.”

Mr. Magee says:—“The original stone seems to have had its surface rubbed down, till the old inscription was nearly obliterated; the remains of the letters were then filled in with cement, and the new inscription of a different family was cut. The relative size of the letters in the two inscriptions, as here given, is accurate.”

COUNTY CARLOW.**Bestfield.**

This old burial-ground is open on two sides, and cattle, &c., appear to occupy it freely, including the ruins of the old church, which was about 30 feet long by 15 feet wide; a good portion of the two side walls still stands, but both the end walls are quite gone to the level of the ground.

The burial-ground is about 80 yards long by 50 yards wide.

Through the kindness of the Right Hon. Henry Bruen, the owner of the property, to whom I represented last year the injury that was caused to the Best Monument, within the ruins of this old place, by the growth of an ash tree over the tomb-stone, which, by its pressure, appears to have cracked the stone into two pieces, and completely concealed the words within brackets in the annexed inscription. The tree has been cut down, and no further injury can arise from it. The memorandum from Lord Walter Fitzgerald in the next paragraph is relative to the above tree :—

‘ About an Irish mile out of the town of Carlow, on the Athy road, is a small partially walled-in enclosure, surrounded by old ash and elm trees; inside these ruinous walls is a tombstone so overgrown by a large ash tree, that a portion of the inscription is hid by the wood; what support was formerly under this stone has fallen away, and badly requires attention. The inscription runs thus :—’

**“Here Lyeth the Body of MRS. SAR[ah]
BEST the wife of ARVNDEL B[est]
Esqr who Departed this life [ye 15th]
Day of february 1743 Age[d] 72
Here alsoe lyeth the [Body of]
GEORGE BEST Son of [the said]
Arvndel and Sarah [who departed]
The 16th Day of March [1739]
Here Lyeth the Body of A[rundel]
Best Esqr who Departed T[his life]
The First Day of May in the [year]
of ovr Lord 1755 Ag[ed] 78
Also the Body of Cavifield [Best]
Second Son of Elias & Eliza[beth]
Best & Grandson to the Said
Arvndel Best of Bestfield [in the]
County Carlow.”**

‘ An old man informed me that this enclosure was built by a young Best, who, owing to his wild life, was disinherited by his father, and had himself buried in it under a stone, with the following inscription :—

“Here lies the body of Weaver Best,
Separated from all the Rest;
And let his soul be where it will,
His body lies in Bestfield still.”

‘ I could not find this stone when noting the inscription off the other.’

Borris.

Through the kindness of the Rev. John Beauchamp, P.P. of this parish, I am enabled to give the following notes.

In the front of a Missal is a list of names and dates of births, deaths, and marriages of members of the Kavanagh family, which appears to contain several entries that I do not find in my edition of Sir B. Burke’s “Landed Gentry,” and may therefore prove interesting :—

"A list of names and dates of the larly (?) of the family of Borris since the year of our Lord (?) [The date had been erased before the book came into my possession in 1862.—P. C.]"

This remark appears to have been written by the Rev. P. Carey, the then priest of Borris.—ED.

Another entry reads thus:—

"This book was given as a present by Mrs. Kavanagh, of Borris, to ye Revd. Edmund Doyle, September 25th, 1790."

It will be observed that the last figure of the year is deficient in every case but two, owing to the edge of the page having been cut away, apparently by carelessness of the binder, when the book was re-bound.

"Bryan Kavanagh, Esq., was born at New Ross, January the 29, 1699.
Charles Kavanagh, Esq., was born at Borris, August the 12, 170(?)
Harvey Kavanagh, Esq., was born at Castlemorris, Oct. 10, 1706(?)
Bryan Kavanagh, Esq., marryd Miss Fanny Butler in the ye..

of our Lord 1724, and 22nd of October, at Killeash, and
had issue as follow:—

1. Miss Margaret Kavanagh, who was born at Killcash the 5th of Novr, 172(?)
2. Morgan Kavanagh, Esq., who was born at Borris the 8th of April, 172(?)
3. Thomas Kavanagh, Esq., who was born at Borris the 28th July, 1728.
4. M... (?) Kavanagh, Esq., who was born at Borris the 12 Jany., 172(?)
5. Miss Helen Kavanagh, who was born at Killcash the 16th October, 173(?)
6. Miss Francis (*sic*) Kavanagh, who was born at Borris the 10 of May, 173(?)
7. Miss Lucy Kavanagh, who was born at Borris the 20 Oct., 173(?)
8. Miss Honora Kavanagh, who was born at Borris ye 26 of Jany., 1735(?)
9. Miss Mary Kavanagh, who was born at Borris ye 8th of April, 173(?)
10. Bryan Kavanagh, a posthumous birth at Borris on the 28th August, 174(?)

Thomas Kavanagh, Esq., maryd. Miss Susanna Butler, of Garryrickan [who was born at Dublin (?) in the year 1733, and 8 of Septr.], on the 27 of Novr, and had issue as follows:—

"This account of their births is referred to the end of the Book."

It is *not* entered there.—ED.

"Thomas Kavanagh, Esq., departed this life in Borris, June 18, 1790, aged 62. Requiescat in pace. Amen."

"Morgan Kavanagh died in 1720; he married 1st Miss Esmonde, and 2nd Miss Morris."

"Bryan Kavanagh [the 1st] died the year of 1740, aged 41 years; born in New Ross, 1699; [he] was the first of the Kavanaghs who came to reside at Borris. [He] married Mary Butler, of Killcash, Oct. 22nd, 1724, [and had] 5 sons [4 died young] and 6 daughters."

After recording the name of the proprietor of Borris in 1877, Mr. Carey adds:—

"We had a grand fête for his son's majority, October 11th, 1877 ; the son's name is Walter McMurrough Kavanagh."

"Morgan Kavanagh,* who married, first, Miss Esmond, and afterwards Miss Morris, and died in 1720, as above, seems to have been the father of Bryan, Charles, and Harvey Kavanagh, at the top of the list."

P. CAREY, P.P.

Oct. 12, 1877.

Carlow.

Besides the preservation of the "Best" family tombstone near Carlow, it is with great pleasure that the restoration and safety of another monument can be recorded.

In the Report for 1890, at page 139, mention will be found of the state of the old Frenchman, Benjamin Daillon's tombstone. Within the last month, through the exertions of a few friends to whom the matter was represented, assisted by a small donation from our funds, this stone has been raised off the ground, and placed on a solid mass of concrete, in such a way as bids fair to preserve it for many years to come.

I here wish to express my thanks to Mr. Benjamin Coleman, of Carlow, for the assistance he has given me in having this work brought to a successful termination. I have also to thank him for having obtained for me, with some difficulty, the inscription on the bell of the parish church, viz.:—

"THE REV. DEAN DOYNE, RECTOR.
E. BLOOD, DUBLIN, 1768."

Dunleckney.

(Continued from page 137 of 1890 Report.)

1789. 'To Mary Feltus, for taking care of the church key and keeping it clean (Query the key).

'Elizabeth Payne gets 16s. 3d. for "providing the elements," and washing as before.

'Resolved that the sum of five pounds thirteen shillings and 9 pence be raised on the union at large, for the purpose of building a wall round the churchyard. [See below.]

'Resolved that a sum of one pound two shillings and 9 pence be raised

* See p. 309, under "St. Mullin's," for his tombstone and epitaph.

and paid "a sidesman, for assisting the churchwardens in collg. the above sums."

This vestry meeting is signed (1st time) by "Henry Stewart, Curate."—ED.

1790. £5 13s. 9d. raised for the enclosure of the churchyard with a wall.

1792. Easter—John O'Brien, of Garryhill, and William Evans,* of Bally-William-roe, Esq., appointed churchwardens.

"Resolved that the sum of sixteen shillings and three pence be raised and paid to the Revd. Mr. Stewart, for finding elements for the church.

£6 5s. 4d additional raised for enclosing the churchyard; and in 1793 a like sum was ordered. £16 10s. 8d. has been now expended on it."

Signed,

"Henry Stewart, Curate.

"William Evans.

"John Perkins O'Brien," &c.

1794. 22 April. Easter Tuesday. At a Vestry, Resolved that it appearing that the late churchwardens, William Evans and John Perkins O'Brien, Esqrs., had not yet settled their accounts for the past year, the Revd. Mr. Stewart be instructed to apply to them for the arrear due by them, and if the same be not paid by next Whitsuntide, that the churchwardens of the present be directed to sue them at due course of law to oblige them to account."

1794. The proceedings of the Whitsuntide Vestry Meeting this year are signed by "Robert Disney" for "Henry Stewart, Vicar."

1795. 7 April.

£2 11s. 6d. ordered for a church gate and lock, and for 5 panes of glass; also £3 13s. 7d. raised in aid of "finishing the schoolhouse in the churchyard."

Henry Stewart, Vicar, signs this.—ED.

At a Vestry held on 13 April, 1795.

£37 19s. 11½d. was ordered to provide substitutes for the six men at

* Nathaniel Evans, of Ballywilliamroe, gent., got on the 21 May, 1703, in consideration for £2,266, the lands of

Knockroe ..	..	..	..	..	391 acres
Seskin Nokery ..	..	..	..	..	336 "
Dunroe ..	..	..	..	..	340 "
Ballywilliamroe and M'Manahan ..	..	..	..	..	523 "
Ballyknockane and other lands ..	..	..	..	..	455 "

&c., &c., part of the lands of Dudley Bagenal [attainted], from the Trustees of Forfeited Estates in Ireland in 1688.—(See Ryan.)

which the parish was rated, in pursuance of an act for augmenting the Militia, = to $3\frac{1}{4}$ d. per acre.

1796. 'A further grant in aid ordered for the school-house building in the churchyard.

This (Easter) Vestry is signed by Henry Stewart "for Mr. Alexander," and the next meeting same year in like manner.—ED.

1796. 'Whitsun Monday' the proceedings are signed (1st time by "Saml. Downing, Curate."

1797. '18 April. A further sum of £6 5s. 4d. in aid of the building of the school-house.

1798. 'Easter Vestry on 10 day of April, 1798. The churchwardens were ordered to continue their office, not having passed their accounts:

'£10 to be levied off the 3 parishes for the clerk's salary for the ensuing year.

'£2 5s. Od. for the sextoness, to be levied, and 16s. 3d. to provide for elements.

"£1 2s. 9d. to "Jacob" for keeping the roof in repair.

This sum appears regularly since he took the contract in the year 1777. See page 135.—ED.

'£1 2s. 9d. to the ch. wardens for their trouble in collecting the Tax.

'£6 5s. 4d. for the school-house in the ch. yard.

'(Signed) Thos. M. Vigors,* for the Rev. Mr. Downing, Curate.

1799. 'Mr. John Eustace, of Boreduff, and Mr. James Thomas, of Leighlin Bridge, appointed churchwardens. The usual sums are ordered to be raised.

1800. 'At a vestry held in the Parish Church of St. Mary, Dunleckney, on Easter Monday, the 18th April, in the year of our Lord 1800, notice having been previously given, the usual sums were ordered to be raised to pay the clerk, the sextoness, to provide the elements, to Jacob for the roof, & for the school-house.

1801. '7 April.—Mathew Weld, Esq., of Moneybeg, and Mr. Carter, of Leighlin Bridge, appointed church wardens. 18s. and 3d. "be likewise laid on for elements."

1802. 'Easter Vestry, 20 April.—Resolved that the sum of £12 18s. 2d., now lying in the Rev. Mr. Downing's hands, be applied to the purpose of buying a bell for the church.

* The Rev. T. M. Vigors was at this time curate of Old Leighlin.—ED.

'Mr. Downing was also to state to the Bishop the necessity of building a gallery in the church.

1803. '21 February.—At a vestry held it was resolved that, in order to provide substitutes for the 22 men which the Parish of Dunleckney is bound to furnish to the militia of the county, the sum of one hundred and forty-two pounds ten shillings is necessary to be levied. Ordered.

'£13 17s. 10d. of this was to be raised off the housekeepers resident in the town of Moneybeg. Then follow their names:—

	s. d.		s. d.
Maurice Nowlan	... 5 5	Jas. Walsh	... 2 8
Daniel Magra	... 11 4	Darby Lalor	... 11 4
Patt Corcoran	... 11 4	Michl. Cuminins	... 5 5
Patt Tierney (?)	... 11 4	Joseph Neal	... 5 5
Danl. Tierney (?)	... 11 4	Hugh Dooley	... 5 5
Jerame Hanlon	... 11 4	Michl. Connolly	... 2 8
Patt Brophy	... 5 5	Wm. Rooney	... 5 5
Jno. M'Donald	... 5 5	— Rice (?)	... 5 5
James Lalor	... 5 5	Mr. Robert Brown	... 11 4
Michl. Kehoe	... 5 5	Mr. Robert Burrows	... 11 4
Wm. Byrne	... 5 5	Mr. Wm. Singleton	... 11 4
Peter Conolly	... 5 5	Mc Nowlan Malster	... 2 8
Mc Doyle	... 11 4	Robt. Cahill	... 2 8
Laurence Kinsela	... 5 5	Mc Connolly	... 5 5
Redmond Blanche	... 5 5	Thos. Boyle	... 5 5
Lawrence Nolan	... 5 5	Pat Foley	... 2 8
Mc Byrne	... 5 5	— Sutton	... 2 8
Pat. Nowlan	... 5 5	Jas. Bull	... 5 5
Mc Joyce	... 5 5	Owen Lyons	... 5 5
McC Hoey	... 5 5	Patt Murphy	... 5 5

The above is directed to be paid to Mr. Downing and Wm. Knott, Esq., two of the parishioners appointed for providing substitutes.

'The sum levied off Agha parish for the like purpose was (for 8 men) £52 5s. 6d.; and for 2 men from Templepeter parish, £12 0s. Od. was ordered on 11 May, 1803.

1804. 'A prayer book for the clerk ordered to be provided at the Easter Vestry.

'At a Vestry held on 16 April, it was unanimously Resolved that further time be given the churchwardens for collecting the parish cess which is necessarily protracted on account of the base silver currency, and the extreme difficulty of procuring good coin in the payment of small sums under the silver notes at present in circulation.'

'23 April. Records that the money (£12 16s. 2d.) appropriated for a bell has been satisfactorily expended, &c.'

FOOT NOTE.—‘Lying in my hands one pound five shillings and three pence in bad silver, to be held over for contingent Expenses [!!!]’
 (Signed) D. Wall, Churchwarden.

Myshall Parish.

There is at present but one monument in this church—a mural one, on the south wall:—

“In loving memory of JOHN BEAUCHAMP BRADY | who died at Myshall | January 6th 1874 | and his wife JANE HARRIETTE, | who died at Cheltenham, Feb 25th 1842, | and of their sons HENRY BEAUCHAMP | late Capt. 69th Regiment | who died at Fern Hill, South Wales, May 3, 1872, and RUPERT GEORGE, Major 2nd Queen’s Royal Regiment, who died at Belgaum, India, | January 16th, 1873.”

“One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren.
 Have peace one with another.—S. Matt. xxiii. 8,
 and S. Mark ix. 50.”

IN THE NEW CHURCHYARD.

A white marble statue, life size, on an Aberdeen granite base, 6 feet high, Innocence, holding a dove to her breast, lilies on left side.

INSCRIPTION.

“Remembering the admiration with which she used to view similar monuments in Italy, this statue of ‘INNOCENCE,’ Fittly representing her, is placed here | To the memory of ‘CONNIE,’ CONSTANCE LOUISE EUJENIE DUGUID | By her sorrowing parents | 1888.”

Enclosed within an iron railing.

“Blessed are the pure in heart.”

Alongside of it is a tomb, in Aberdeen granite:—

This tomb is placed here by her sorrowing parents, in fond remembrance of a much-loved daughter, ‘CONNIE’ CONSTANCE LOUISE EUJENIE DUGUID | who died suddenly at Myshall Glebe, | 22 March, 1887, aged 25 years, | and was interred here 28 March.”

“Earth holds one gentle soul the less,
 And heaven one angel more.”

* Why contingent expenses were to be paid in *bad* money, does not appear.—ED.

OLD CHURCHYARD.

MACLEAN, DANIEL (date gone).	HANRANGHAN, CATHERINE, 1756.
MURPHY, PATRICK, 1761,	NOWLAN, ELLEN, 1777.
RAFTER, JAMES, 1871, &c.	ROONEY, JOHN, 1803.
MOORE —, 1877.	EUSTACE, JOHN (date illegible).
FARRELL, —, 1779.	COLLIER, ROBT., 1837.

The above names occur in this burial-ground.

Nurney Parish.

KILLHOGAN OLD BURIAL-GROUND.

Mr. C. J. Hobson has recently sent me the annexed note on this old place, situated within the demesne grounds of Garryhundon, the property of Sir Thomas Pierce Butler, Bart.

Much injury has been done in this burial-ground, by cattle apparently being allowed to trespass on it, the fence round it being completely broken down. Several of the upright tombstones are polished like black marble, from the constant rubbing against them of sheep, and several are broken by cattle, &c. It is a great pity a fence is not put round it, to save it from desecration of all kinds.

Steps would then be taken to have the cross [only recently discovered] erected, but it would be useless to do so while this burial-ground is left in its present state.

"I also wish to bring under your notice a very ancient cross in KILLHOGAN Churchyard, situated in a field convenient to Clonmulch Church, near Milford. I was present when this cross was unearthed by a Roman Catholic priest, on Friday April 8th. It has every appearance of being of very ancient origin. I trust this cross and burying-ground will receive notice in your next Report. There are several headstones, on one of which there is an interesting inscription."

Raheengorah Old Burial-ground

Mr. Hobson has also sent me the following notes of this burial-ground :—

"Sometime ago I visited a little churchyard, or rather the remains of one, called by the name of Raheengorah, near Burton Hall. It consists of about two square perches of ground, and is only partially enclosed. People living in the neighbourhood told me that this burial-ground originally crossed the present road into an adjoining field; at present the graveyard

extends about half way into the middle of the county road, from which it is separated by a stone wall.

There are two small headstones in the enclosure, with the following inscriptions on them :—

“This Stone Erected By | JAMES KEARNEY
this 12th of April 1789.”

[Both these are upright stones.]

The 2nd inscription reads thus :—

“Erected by | Thomas Ryan in MEMORY of |
His Father Luke Ryan Who | Died June 27th
1887 aged 64 | Years | Also his Mother Mary
who | Died April 16th 1869, Aged 33 | Years.
R.I.P.”

St. Mullin's Parish.

I.

[From Ryan.]

“This very ancient and interesting place is situate 21 miles south of Carlow, in the barony of the same name, and on the borders of the county. The scenery of the place is beautiful, indeed ; the River Barrow rolling majestically along, its banks nobly elevated, and on the Kilkenny side handsomely planted, together with a small stream, which here forms a junction with the noble estuary, altogether render this region highly picturesque.

“Not less than twelve centuries have passed since St. Mullin [or Moling] founded an abbey here. The particulars of its history will be found arranged under their proper dates. Of the present state of the place, the following is a comprehensive detail. And first as regards the modern church, it is a structure of the plainest possible character. Within it are some chaste and elegant monuments, and inscriptions of the Kavanagh family.

“With regard to the ancient buildings, there are five in ruins within the burial-ground, together with two walls forming part of another ; and outside the enclosure, to the south, there are the dilapidated remains of an additional structure. None of these possess any architectural beauty whatever.

“The five ruined buildings, just mentioned, lie south of the church ; they are of an oblong shape, and run from east to west. We shall now state the inscriptions in each, commencing with that farthest from the present church.”

"On a flat stone are the following words:—

I. H. S.

"Here lieth the body of SIMON KAVANAGH, who deceased the 7 day of November in the year of our Lord God 1724, and in the 33 year of his age. Lord have mercy on his soule. Amen."

"At foot are crossed bones and skull, with the words 'Momento Mori.'

"The second ruin is 3 feet from preceding, with door in gable, window over it, and a window at each side. Three marble slabs are indented on east end, with inscriptions as follows:—

I. H. S.

"Underneath lieth the body of BRYAN KAVANAGH, Esq., who departed this life April 22nd, 1740, aged 41 years. He marry'd MARY, daughter to Colonel Thomas Butler, [of] Kilcash, by whom he had 5 sons, of whom 4 dy'd infants, and six daughters.

"Requiescat in pace."

See p. 301 for note of his birth.—ED.

I. H. S.

"Underneath lyeth interr'd ye body of MORGAN KAVANAGH, Esq., who departed this life Feby. 22d, 1720, aged 51 years. He marry'd FRANCES, daughter to Sir Laurence Esmond, Bart., by whom he had three sons and two daughters. To his second wife, he marry'd MARGARET, daughter to Harvey Morres, Esq., of Castlemorres, by whom he had one son.

"Requiescat in pace."

Arms and motto—“Peace and Plenty.”

I. H. S.

"Underneath lyeth the body of HARVEY KAVANAGH, Esq., who departed this life April 17, 1740, aged 32 years. He marry'd MARY, daughter to John Meade, Esq., of Ballyhail, by whom he had one son and one daughter.

"Requiescat in pace."

For his birth, see p. 301.—ED.

"A third ruin stands about 12 feet from the last mentioned, and of the same construction, but no gables remaining. There are no tombs or inscriptions inside. At 18 feet from this latter structure are two ancient

walls of considerable height, clothed in ivy, between which and the present church is a ruined chapel, 72 feet in length by 24 feet in breadth. Part of the north side is down, and the building is intersected by a wall which ran to the roof. Two apertures for bells at top. On entering a pointed arched doorway in west end, a stone reservoir for water is found in the wall to the left-hand. The top of the ruin is covered with ivy. Within the east end is a large flag lying flat, on which (partly defaced) is the following inscription in raised letters :—

“ SVB HOC LAPIDE LAET CORPVS DANIELLIS
KINSELLAGH OLIM DE—QV—OBIIT 8 DIE
MENSIS NO ANNO DO 1646. ETIAMQVE HINC
IN MEMORIA SUI—L. K.

On the same stone :—

“ Also are here deposited the remains of DOCTOR JAMES KINSELLAGH, who departed this life in November, 1781, aged 81 years. Also his wife MARY KINSELLAGH alias DOYLE, who departed this life in April 1794, aged 74 years.
“ Reqt. in pace. Amen.”

“ The figure of a cross occupies the centre of this tomb, and towards the lower part are a death's head and crossed bones, with the motto “ Momento mori.” The above Latin inscription runs round the margin of the stone, as usual in the seventeenth century.”

“ At the exterior of the east end of the second of the ruins already alluded to, is a flat stone, with the following inscription :—

I. H. S.

“ Here lieth the body of JAMES KAVANAGH, of Inch, who died Sep. 6, 1764, aged 79 years. Also the body of HONOUR KAVANAGH alias EUSTACE, who died Octo .. (?)
“ Requiescant in pace.”

“ In the centre of the churchyard is an enclosure, with a wall about 5 feet high, intersected by another having a stone cross at top. The bisecting wall has a black marble slab indented on it, with the following inscription :—

“ Here lieth the body of BRYAN KAVANAGH, of Drummin, of the family of Ballylaugh. A man remarkably known to the nobility and gentry of Ireland by the name of BRYAN NESTROAKE, from his noble actions and valour in King James's troops in the Battles of the Boyne and Aughrim. He died February the 8th, 1735. Aged 74 years. Also the body of his wife MARY KAVANAGH alias MURPHY, with four of their children. R. I. P.

"This monument is erected by his son Mr. James Kavanagh, of Dranagh, [who] departed this life June the 23rd, 1790, aged 70 years. Also his wife Mary Kavanagh, departed this life April the 3rd, 1753, aged 32 years; and also his daughter Elenor Motley alias Kavanagh, departed this life March the 10th, 1797, aged 50 years. Lord have mercy on their souls. Amen."

"I have been informed that the Bryan 'Nestroake,' above mentioned, got the appellation from a mark or 'stroke,' which he carried on his face, in consequence of a wound received in a duel with an English officer, about the time of the Battle of the Boyne."

"On a flat flag, inside the enclosure, and near the preceding, are inscribed the following words:—

"Here lieth the body of MR. EDMOND KAVANAGH, late of Turrah, depd. this life Feb. the 8th, 1804, aged 49 years. Also his wife CATHERINE KAVANAGH, grand-daughter to the renown (*sic*) champion 'Bryan Nestroake,' depd. July 21, 1821, aged 71 years."

"The ROCHES of Conogue have tombs inside.

"At the east end of the largest of the ruins, are the remains of a stone cross, with the socket in which it stood; also a roofless walled enclosure, with a descent of two steps into it, and one window. There are numerous tombs of the Kavanaghs, Brenans, Murphys, Doyles, Ryans, and Whelans, but I have given all that is remarkable. St. Mullin's was anciently, and continues still, the burial-place of the family of Kavanagh, of Borris."

The whole burial-ground is densely packed with graves and tombstones.—ED.

St. Mullin's.

II.

Crest, shield and arms, 3 stags' heads.

"ERECTED BY TIMOTHY DOYLE | OF THE CITY
OF WATERFORD | IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE |
OF HIS AUNT ELEANOR DOYLE | LATE OF CLARE IN
THE COUNTY OF | KILKENNY, WHO DEPARTED THIS
LIFE | DECEMBER 7TH 1809, AGED 54 YEARS. | "

D. O. M.

"HERE LIES THE BODY OF M^R JAMES KAVANAGH |
OF MOUNT LEBAN WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE | THE
1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY 1720, AGED 52 YEARS. |
ALSO HIS WIFE MRS. MARY KAVANAGH WHO |
DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE 8TH DAY OF | SEPTEMBER
1730, AGED 68 YEARS. | ALSO THEIR SON | M^R
THOMAS KAVANAGH, WHO DEPARTED | THIS
LIFE 15TH MAY 1761, AGED 56 YEARS. | ALSO THEIR
DAUGHTER M^{RS} ELIZABETH | KAVANAGH,
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE | 1ST DAY OF NOV^R
1771, AGED 60 YEARS. |

R. I. P.

HERE ALSO LIETH THE BODY OF | M^{RS} MARY
BLEAKNY OF FRANKFORD | WHO DEPARTED
THIS LIFE DECR. 16TH | 1796, AGED 76 YEARS. |
SHE ERECTED THIS MONUMENT."

"HERE LYETH YE BODY OF AN ROCH | WHO
DEPARTED THIS LIFE YE 17TH | FEBRUARY IN
YE 20TH YEAR OF HER AGE | 1731."

[At the west end of old ruin, near the church.]
W. B.

"HEARE are deposited the Remains of | PATRICK DOYLE
and his wife CATHERINE | who lived to the age [of] 126
years, | and also of their son Loughlin Doyle and his
wife Margery Doyle alias Kavanagh, and of their son
Arthur Doyle, of Ballinvegga, aged 88 years, and his son
Loughlin Doyle, of Ballinvegga, who depd. this life 22nd
Decr. 1819 (?), aged 86, and his wife Joanna Doyle alias
Freany, who departed this life Augt. 6th, 1837, aged 91,
and also of their son, Arthur Doyle, of New Ross, who
depd. this life April 10th, 1822, aged 32 years.

"This stone has been erected by the Revd. Martn. Doyle,
P. Priest of Clonegall, to Longlin Doyle, in memory of
his ancestors and brothers, July 25th, 1822."

Truly, a long-lived family.—ED.

The above is at the east end of the old ruin, near the present church.

[A mural slab.]

(To be continued.)

C O U N T Y C L A R E .

Parish of Kilmanaheen.

Taken from book of First Fruits' Office :—

“ JAMES KENNY, collated 15 Dec. 1775, vicarages of Kilmanaheen, Killaspuglenane, Kilmacreehy, Kileilagh, Kilmoon, n. t.”

[Mason.]

1818. The Rev. JAMES KENNY is shown as Rector and Vicar, and his year of adm. as 1790.

[Erek.]

1830. The Rev. JOHN WHITTY appears, appointed by the Bishop, 1823.

1889. The Rev. J. TRESHAM COOK, LL.D., inducted in 1885.

C O U N T Y C O R K .

Parish of Brigown, or Mitchelstown.

Revd. John Ryder.

“ Beneath this flag are interred the remains of the REV'D.
JOHN RYDER | of Castlelyons | Chancellor of the Diocese |
of Cloyne | who departed this life May 4th 1819. | Aged
62 years.”

Revd. Thomas Bushe.

“ Sacred to the memory of | the REV. THOMAS BUSHE A.M. |
for many years the Rector | & Benefactor of this Parish |
placed by his affectionate daughter | ELIZA GORMAN | 1795.”

The above two inscriptions have been kindly sent me by the Rev. Canon Courtenay Moore, Rector of Mitchelstown. He says :—

‘ The Rev. T. Bushe, above-named, was the father of Chief Justice Charles Kendal Bushe, who was made Judge in 1822 and died in 1843. Barrington describes him as “ Incorrputible and as nearly devoid of private or public enemies as any man endowed with superior talents.” ’

Mr. Moore adds :—

‘ The old burial-ground that contains the above inscriptions is in the demesne of Mitchelstown, about 150 yards on the south side of the castle.’

Buttevant Abbey.

Mrs. S. C. Hall, writing about 1842, says :—

“ Close to the entrance is a large heap of skulls and bones, said to be the relics of those who fell at the battle of Knockinoss in 1647.”

Is it possible that no one could be found to give Christian burial to these for just 200 years ? !!!—ED.

Again, in speaking of Kilcrea Friary, about twelve miles from Cork, she says :—

“ As in all the ancient churches, human bones are piled in every nook and cranny, thrust into corners, or gathered into heaps directly at the entrance—a sight far more revolting than affecting.”

And on the next page she speaks of the mullions of the windows having been destroyed or taken away, adding :—

“ It is most painful to those who venerate architectural remains, to see them trodden under foot; as they were here, and as they invariably are, in all such places.”

She also speaks of the common practices of the peasantry to make headstones of broken pillars, mullions, and frettedwork—‘a practice that still continues, I regret to say, to the present day.’

Here was the tomb of “ Arthur O’Leary the Outlaw.”

“ LO ARTHUR LEARY, GENEROUS HANDSOME BRAVE,
SLAIN IN HIS BLOOM, LIES IN THIS HUMBLE GRAVE.”

Again she writes :—

“ We never saw a ruin so full of graves as Kilcrea ; choir, cloister, aisles—every part is crowded.”

This practice of intra-mural burials and the erection of tombstones inside the ruins, is greatly injuring the beauty of some of our finest ecclesiastical buildings ; see, for example, Sligo Abbey, Holy Cross Abbey, &c., &c. Can nothing be done to put a stop to it ? And as regards the heap of decomposing human remains spoken of by Mrs. Hall, in the above-quoted paragraph, the letter of E. R. Tenison, Esq., which will be found at page 50 of my Report for 1889, sufficiently clearly shows that they are not a thing of the past only.

In a recent visit I paid to two burial-grounds in the County Kilkenny, I noticed broken coffins and bones thrown about on the surface, no doubt to make room for more recent ones. The friends and relatives had not the decency to re-inter these remains of their parents or grand-parents, and of the coffins in which they lay.

On another occasion, in the County Carlow, not many years since, I saw a grave opened to receive the body of a farmer I knew well. On the surface were thrown three skulls and a quantity of other human bones! — no doubt those of his ancestors, for he was one of a very old family; and all this to make room for his coffin. The depth of the grave was only 4 feet 6 inches, so that there would have been less than 3 feet 6 inches of earth over the coffin!

While on this subject, I may mention that I believe it is a very common practice throughout Ireland to bury with often less than 3 feet of earth over the coffin; and the very offensive smell that occurs in burial-grounds may, I think, be attributable to this pernicious practice, which is not only offensive to one's senses, but actually endangers health, and much requires the attention of the local sanitary authorities.

Buttevant Parish.

[Kindly contributed by the Rector, the Rev. W. Cotter, M.A., LL.D.]

'In the chancel of the parish church there is a stained glass window with three lights; the style of it is mainly Geometrical, but in the middle light there is a full-length likeness of the Apostle S. John, after whom the church is named. He is represented with a chalice in his left hand, and the right hand uplifted as if in the act of administering. There is a halo round his head, conveying the idea to most people that the picture is meant for our Lord. The window was erected about thirty years ago by general subscription at the suggestion of the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Robinson, since deceased. It is without softness or mellowness in its tone, the colours are decided and glaring, bright red, blue, and green predominating.'

'It was not a memorial window, but was simply intended for the improvement and embellishment of the church.'

'There are two mural tablets, one on the north side of the chancel and the other on the south. The northern one is a handsome slab of gray marble:—

“ Sacred to the memory of the REV. THOMAS WALKER, Vicar of this parish, who died the 5th January, 1831, aged 33 years.”

“ This tablet was erected by the parishioners to record their united testimony of his worth as a faithful and zealous pastor, a kind and valued friend, and an able advocate and distinguished preacher of the Truth as it is in Jesus.”

“ Blessed is that servant whom his Lord
at His coming shall find thus watching.”

“ The southern tablet, a square of white marble with a border of black marble round it, was, I understand, erected to the memory of some distant relative of the present Lord Wolseley, and bears this inscription :—

“ Sacred to the memory of JOHN HOOD WOLSELEY, LIEUT. R. N., eldest son of Admiral William Wolseley, of Ros-trevor, Co. Down, Died the 13th June, 1827, and whose body lies interred in the adjoining cemetery. This monument was erected by an attached friend.”

CHURCH PLATE.

“ The church plate of the united parishes of Buttevant and Churchtown, is of an interesting character. That belonging to Buttevant parish consists merely of a chalice and cover, the latter serving as a paten. The chalice and plate are just two hundred years old ; the cup is of chaste silver, and (relatively to the number of sittings and size of the church) is a most capacious one ; round the middle of the cup is a belt of embossed ornamentation of floral pattern ; above it, near the rim, is the inscription :—

“ This with the cover given to ye Parish Church of Buttivant
by ye Viscountess LANESBROUH wife to DENNY MISCHAMP
Esqr. Feb. 1698.”

“ The Holy Communion plate of CHURCHTOWN consists of a cup, paten, and flagon ; they are of perfectly plain silver ; the chalice stands high on its stem, it would contain about the same amount as an ordinary breakfast cup ; there is written on it the following inscription in Latin, but without any date :—“ Ex dono viri honorabilis JOHANNIS PERCIVALL Equitis auratj, in usum Ecclesiae Parochialis de Bromheny.” [i.e., Churchtown.]

“ The paten is a plain smooth plate, with broad eaves, without an inscription.”

“ The flagon stands a little higher than the cup, straight-sided, flat-topped, and broad-based, and without a spout. It has the same dedication as the chalice.”

“ In the year 1848, the house of the Vicar of Buttevant was entered by

burglars, and the chalice first described was stolen ; a considerable reward was offered by the vicar to anyone who would furnish evidence that would lead to the conviction of the perpetrator and the recovery of the church plate. After some months had elapsed, one of the accomplices in the outrage came forward and gave the necessary information, and the chalice, paten, and other valuable silver articles were found some miles away from the scene of the robbery, buried 3 or 4 feet in the ground. The cup was not much damaged, and was immediately repaired ; and this sacred vessel has ever since been used at "Holy Communion in the parish church, bearing, indeed, many scratches and slight indentations—marks of its chequered history ; but still, free from any serious defect, it stands quaint and unique in its chasteness and antiqueness."

Parish of Carrigaline or Beanner [Brady].

LIST OF INCUMBENTS.

Taken from the Records of the First Fruits' Office.

' BEVER, alias CARRIGALINE, rector. Coll. Youghall.—No curat appeareth, church and chauncell repayed, valet 20 marks.

' Vicaria vacat. et usurpat per fir—a vicarage by the Rolls, but usurped by the farmer. Dowglaſſe, particula, ejusdem, capella vasta.

' RICARDUS HOWLETT, admiss. 22^o Martii, 1688, ad rectoriam de Carrigaline, in dioc. et com. Corke, non. tax.

' JOHN VESEY, admiss. fuit 4^o die Nov. 1667, ad dignitat. decanat. Eccl. Cath. Sanct. Finbarry, Cork, 60s. sterl. et ad rector. de Carrickaline, alias Beaver, dioc. Coreagen. et com. Cork; et ad dignitat. Thesaurar. Eccl. Cath. Sci. Colmuni Clonen. dioc. et com. Cork, 60s. nec nou ad rector. de Glanbarrahan, dioc. Rossen, et com. Cork, 6l. ster.

' ARTHURUS POMEROY, in artib. magr. admiss. fuit 5^o May, 1673, ad Decanat Eccl. Cathedral. Cathlis. Sti. Finbarry, Corkagen, in com. civit. Cork, 60^o ad rectoriam integrum, Eccl. parochial. de Carrigaline, alias Bever, ad Dignitat. Mesanriat. Eccl. Cathederalis Sti. Colmani Clonen. dioc. 60s. ad rectoriam de Shandrome, alias Sandrome, dioc. Clonen et com. Corke, 7l. 6s. 8d. ad rectoriam de Glanbarraghane, in dioc. Rosse. et com. Corke, 6l.

' ROLANDUS DAVIES, cler. legend. Doctr. institut. fuit 27 April, 1710, ad rector. de Carrigaline, dioc. et com. Cork per mort. natural. Reverendi Arthuri Pomerooy, Sacr. Theolog. Doctoris ult. ibm. Incumbent vacant.

' SAMUEL WEBBER, clericus in artib. magister institut. fuit 15^o Jan. 1717, ad rectoriam integrum de Carrigaline, alias Bever, diocess. Cork, et commit. Cork, per voluntariam resignationem Rolandi Davies. cleric. legum. doctoris, ultimi ibidem. Incumbent vacant.

' BOYLUS DAVIES, clericus in artib. magr. institut. fuit 3 March, 1721, ad rector. integrum de Carrigaline, alias Bever, diocess. Correg, et commit. Corke, per voluntariam resignationem Roland. Davies, cler. legum. Doctoris, ult. ibid. Incumbent vacant.

' JOH. OLIVER, A.M., 6^o Sept. 1763, R. Carrigaline, alias Bever.

' **LOWTHER YEATES**, B.D., instituted 15th April, 1779, R. et V. Carrigaline, alias Beaver, Cork.

' **THOMAS BREVITER**, 6 Feb. 1784, R. Carrigaline, otherwise Beaver, Cork.

' **HORATIO TOWNSEND**, instituted 11 June, 1803, R. Carrigaline, otherwise Beaver, Cork diocese.'

[Mason.]

This list is not at all so full as that given by Brady, vol. i. (Cork), p. 59, which see.

In addition to the list of Incumbents given above by Mason, I find the following additional names in W. M. Brady's "Records," (1863) :—

- ' 12— ? RALPH DE KILLANGY was inducted.
 - 12— ? MAURICE DE Prendergast, Vicar.
 - 12— ? STEPHEN de Inscorthy, Clk.
 - 12— ? Iver, admitted Vicar of Beannar.
 - 1337. The prebend of Benner is in the gift of the heir of Peter de Cogan, a minor.
 - 1386, Oct. 9. THOMAS HARBERG.
 - 1408. EDMUND FITZADAM.
 - 1414, Feb. 3. JOHN TANNER.
 - 1591. EDMUND MC BREAN is Curate.
 - 1623, June 22. Anthony Risdon [perhaps one of the Devon family].
 - 1634. Robert Beck is Curate, val. 40 li. per an.
 - 1660, Feb. 19. Roger Boyle [afterwards Bishop].
 - 1667. Ecclesia de Carrigaline als Beaver vacat.
 - 1780, April 14. WILLIAM DICKSON, A.B.
 - 1824. A new church built near site of old church.
 - 1837, May 6. Horace Townsend, A.M.
 - 1838. JOHN Newman Lombard, A.M.
 - 1855, Novr. 22. John Watkins Benn, A.B.
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Churchtown, or Bruhenny.

' In this parish church is an oblong slab 2 feet long by one foot high, let into the wall at the western entrance over the door, with the following rather rudely-cut inscription :—

" C . U . M . F . E . T . S . P . S
DEO . MAX . ET . OPT .
HIC . DOMUS . ORATIONIS . S . EST .
A . D . 1734."

C. U.* me fecit suis propsiis sumptibus.

C. U. made me at his own expense.

This house of Prayer is consecrated to God Almighty most excellent, A.D. 1734.

For list of incumbents of this parish, see "Brady," vol. ii. (Cloyne), page 72.

Clonmel [the "Vale of Honey"], near Queenstown.

"The old church here was formerly called TEMPLE-LYRA or TARTHUR; is said to have been dedicated to St. John the Evangelist; it has been disused since 1810, when the present Protestant church in Queenstown was built.

"The bare walls are all still standing, but there is no sign of any window. The length of the ruin is 62 feet, and its breadth 20 feet.

"Within the walls of this old church are to be seen the tombs of the REV. CHARLES WOLFE, the author of those famous lines on the burial of Sir John Moore; his tomb is on the left of the W. doorway.

"At the N.E. corner is a tablet to GEORGE ROGERS, of Ashgrove; and near it, on the east wall, is a mural tablet to GEORGE PIGOTT ROGERS, of Rose Hill. The next we meet with is the tablet erected to JOHN TOBIN, author of the "Honeymoon" and other plays.

"In the S.W. corner, on the right as we enter by the W. doorway, is to be seen the monument of THE COUNTESS OF HUNTINGDON, who died in 1857."

The following are the inscriptions:—

"Here lie | the remains of | REV'D. CHARLES WOLFE | late
Curate of Donoughmore | who died at Cove, 23rd Feb.
1823 | aged 31 years. | The record of his genius | piety
and virtue | lives in the hearts | of all who knew him. |
Looking unto Jesus he lived. | Looking unto Jesus he died. |
He is not dead but sleepeth."

"Here lieth the body of | GEORGE ROGERS of Ashgrove† Esqr.
who departed this life | May 11th Anno Dom 1710 | in the
61st year of his age. | His first wife was ANNE ATKINS |
his second MARY WAKEHAM. | The children by his first
wife | living at the time of his death | were Francis Robert
William Joseph | and Mary wife of Edward Webber. |

* Could this mean C. V., Christopher Vowell (?), who held this living from 1668 to 1700?

+ Ashgrove is still standing, and occupied at present by Lieut.-Colonel North Ludlow Beamish, author of various works.

His daughter Katherine | departed this life in Bristol |
27 Jan before. | By his second wife | he had only one
daughter | Lucy | wife of Emanuel Pigott."

(Head of an angel under tablet.)

[Tablet on wall at north-east corner of old church.]

"In memory of | GEORGE PIGOTT ROGERS | of Rose Hill near Cork Esqr. | who died July 10th 1842 | and of MARY TOOGOOD BEECHER | his wife who died July 11th 1804 | both buried in the family vault under | the Chancel of Christ Church Cork | this tablet is erected by their children. | The mortal part of | one of those children | KATHERINE EMMELINE ROGERS | of Sunnyside near Carrigaline | their second daughter | who died March 18th 1867 | is deposited in the vault beneath. | Also the mortal part of | eldest and only surviving | daughter | MARY TOOGOOD PIGOTT ROGERS of Sunnyside Carrigaline | who died 14th day of July | 1870 | is deposited in the vault beneath."

[Tablet on east end wall.]

"Sacred to the memory | of | JOHN TOBIN Esqr. of Lincoln's Inn | whose remains are deposited underneath | the adjacent turf. | He died at sea* | near the entrance of this Harbour | in the month of Decr | 1804 | on his passage to a milder climate | in search of better health | aged 35."

"That with an excellent heart and a most amiable disposition he possessed a vigorous imagination and a cultivated understanding, his dramatic writings fully evince."

"In veritate victoria. | To the memory | of | ELIZABETH ANNE COUNTESS | OF | HUNTINGDON† | born 29th May 1817 | died Feb 18th 1857 | aged 39. | Rev. 14, 13 ve | 2 Cor v. 1."

[This tablet is on the wall at the west end, over the tomb.]

This is not mentioned in Dr. Caulfield's notes to Smith's "Cork," in the *Cork Journal* for May, 1892:—

"Sacred to the memory | of ELIZABETH HELSHAM | second daughter of | LIEUT COL CONWAY | of H. M. 53rd Reg. |

* He was a native of Salisbury, Wilts, and was going to the West Indies when he died.

† See p. 219.

and great great great | granddaughter of | Margr second
 daughter | of John of Gaunt | Duke of Lancaster | and wife
 of GEO. HELSHAM Esq | of City of Kilkenny | Capn in H.M.
 Service | died 26th Sep 1841 | aged 33 years.” |

[This tomb is outside the north wall of the old church.]

‘This Countess of Huntingdon was the heiress and last member of the Powers of Clashmore, County Waterford.’

For list of incumbents of this parish, and other particulars connected with it, see Brady’s “Records” [CLOYNE], vol. ii., p. 144.

Dr. C. Smith, writing in 1749, says there is in Clonmel church ‘a handsome monument of marble, with an inscription in gold letters, to the memory of George Rogers, Esq., of Ashgrove, who died May 11th, A.D. 1710, in the 61st year of his age, with the names of several of his children. The Arms—Argent a chevron betwixt three stags triant, sable.’

‘Here is a gravestone to the memory of Mr. THOMAS STOWE, of Newark, in Nottinghamshire, an officer in General Francton’s Regt., who died in this harbour after returning from the late expedition against Port L’Orient, in France, with these lines :—’

“ Eximiæ spei adolescentem
 ostendunt terris hunc tantum fata,
 neque ultra esse seriunt.”

Parish of Cooline.

The annexed drawing [from an excellent rubbing taken by J. H. Weldon, Esq., of Ash-Hill Towers, Kilmallock] represents a tombstone in the old churchyard of Cooline, which is about three miles from Charleville in this county. Mr. Weldon says :—

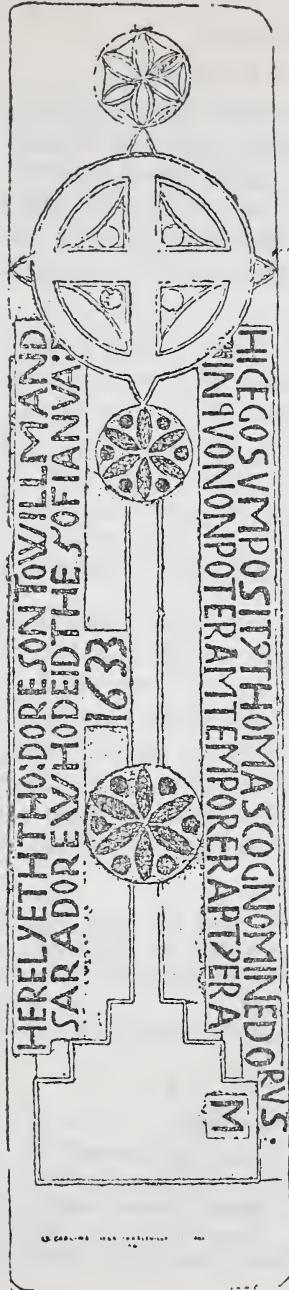
‘The contraction at the end of the words “posit[us]” and “rapt[us]” is curious, and the position of the final letter of the word “eram,” is also peculiar, at the end of the pentameter line—the first line being hexameter:—

**“HIC EGO SUM POSITUS
THOMAS COCNOMINE DORUS I
IN QUO NON POTERAM
TEMPORE RAPTUS ERAM.”**

Here I, by name, Thomas Dorus am buried, I was hurried away at an unseasonable time.

**“HERE LYETH THO : DORE
SON TO WILLM AND I
SARA DORE WHO DIED THE
5 OF IANVA : | 1633.”**

The English inscription is on the opposite side of the stone to the Latin one.



CHURCH OF COOLINE.

[From Jas. G. Barry, Esq., Limerick.]

“ Hic jacet pars vltima fortissimi viri
 Domini IOANNIS GIBBINGS in re militari
 Præfecti insignissimi qvi inter vid varum et
 Amicorum lacrymas æternitatem ingressvs
 Est die 23d Decembris 1678 ætatis 55 felicem
 Expectans Resurrectionem.

“ Damnd Infidel avoid : Saddvce begon
 Here kinder faith waits resurrection
 Tombs were nere raisd for you your own consent
 Has made oblivion your dull monvment
 By this we mvttally convers and thus
 A stone is living tis aposthvmvs
 Here lyes proportion good as great known tre
 Bys frvts beyond the thoughts of porphry

“ Faithfullest subject husband frind he lived
 An active passive lover and survived
 Still his own vertues till the swelling sum
 Does this tird Hercules matchless palm orecom
 Thus like the sun past its meridian
 Posts on to period what it first began
 He rests his death was sweetest sleep hes gon
 Kissd to the Heavens like Endymion.”

‘ The above is on the tomb of COL. BOWERMAN, former resident at Cooline. The letters are sunk in the stone. No date on this tomb, but it must be about 150 years old. These inscriptions are both in Cooline churchyard.

‘ The ruins of the ancient church still remain in the burial-ground.’

[Lewis.]

LIST OF INCUMBENTS.

“ 1591. W. WOLLETT, Incumbens.”

JOHN LANGLEY, also appears as Vicar.

1615. THOMAS HOLMES, inservit curæ.

1630, April 9. PHILIP HOLMES.

1661 to 1666. This parish is marked vacant. [V. B.]

1663. THOMAS SMYTH, of Bellvelly, Co. Cork.
 1666. THEODORE VESEY, per mortem Thomo Smyth.
 1676. EDMUND BURKE [or Redmund Burgh].
 1682. MATTHEW JONES, A.M.
 1684. JONATHAN FALKNER, A.M.
 1710. JONATHAN BRUCE, A.M. [*vice* Falkner, deceased].
 1736. CHARLES BUNWORTH, A.M. [*vice* Bruce, resigned].
 1740. JEREMIAH KING, A.M., per sessionem Car. Bunworth.
 1774. Church in ruins.
 1787. FRANCIS CLEMENT, A.M. [*vice* King, resigned].
 1809. JAMES HINGSTON, junr. [*vice* Clements, deceased].
 1825. MICHAEL HENRY BEECHER [*vice* Hingston, resigned].
 1848. JOHN TORRENS KYLE."

[Brady.]

Parish of Innishannon.

[From J. S. Mason, Esq.]

'The following is to be seen in Innishannon churchyard on an unnamed tombstone :—

"Here lies the Chief of Hospitable hearts,
 A Man of sense, good nature, truth, and parts
 Blest Mortal even in his earthly fall,
 In life beloved, in death deplored by all."

Can any of my readers give me the name and date, and other particulars of this monument ?—ED.

Parish of Macroom [Macroom].

LIST OF INCUMBENTS.

* URBANUS VIGORS	...	...	1635
DAVID ELLIOT	...	...	1663
RICHARD BROWNE	...	1667	died 1712—45 years.
CHRISTOPHER PIERSON	...	1712	died 1768—56 do.
SIR ROBERT PYNSENT	...	1768	resig. 1772—4 do.
SIMEON DAVIES, SEN.	...	1772	resig. 1796—24 do.
ROBERT MOORE	...	1779	
SIMEON DAVIES, JUN.	...	1796	

N.B.—SIMEON DAVIES, Sen., got Magourney in 1780, and died 1798.

'The only monumental inscription in the church is that of the REV. MR. BROWNE, which, as it is rather singular, shall be here inserted :—

* See page 325.

“Here lieth the body of the REVEREND MR. RICHARD BROWNE, B.D., who was rector and vicar of this parish 45 years, during which time he was always resident. On the 27th January, in the year of our Lord, 1712, he cheerfully resigned his spirit to God, who gave it, in sure hope of a resurrection to eternal life, being 69 years of age. He was married to MARY, daughter to Colonel EDWARD ALLEYNE, 43 years, by whom he had eleven sons and nine daughters.”

[Mason.]

In comparing the above list with that given by Dr. Brady, vol. ii., p. 318 [1863], I find a very great difference.

Dr. Brady says:—

- “1609, Jany. 22. WILLIAM HEALIHY is instituted to Macrone.
- 1615. Ecclesia repata, Cancella ruinata.
- 1618, July 7. GEORGE STUKE, instituted.
- 1632, June 5. EDWARD JOHNS.
- ‘Mason’s “Parochial Survey” states that URBAN VIGORS was incumbent in 1635, and DAVID ELLIOTT in 1663, but his informant, Rev. Simin Daviss, mistook Macrony for Macroom.’
- 1663 to 1666. Vacant.
- 1667. JOHN WEBB, afterwards Chancellor of Cloyne.
- 1669, Oct. 29. RICHARD BROWNE.
- 1712, Sep. 17. WILLIAM TENNISON, A.M., per mortem R. Browne.
- 1735, Decr. 3. CHRISTOPHER PEARSON, A.M., per mortem Tennison.
- 1830, July, 7. FRANCIS JONES, R. V., Macroom, vacant per mortem Davies.
- 1833, Sept. 27. WILLIAM HALLARAN.
- 1840, May 5. HENRY SWANZY.
- 1849, June 20. THOMAS EDMUND NASH, A.M.
- 1853, April 14. RICHARD WALTER MARMION, A.M., per mortem Nash.
- 1862, Novr. 4. NICHOLAS COLTHURST DUNSCOMBE, A.B.”

[From the Revd. C. P. Meehan’s, C.C., “Franciscan Monasteries of Ireland,” 1877.]

‘INSCRIPTIONS ON ANCIENT CHALICES OF THE IRISH FRANCISCANS
STILL EXISTING IN THIS COUNTRY.’

BUTTEVANT.

“*Orate pro me NICHOLAS SYNAN qui hoc
opus fieri 1600, pro conventu F. F. Min. fecit
de Buttevant.*”

‘Pray for me Nicholas Synan, who caused this work to be made in 1600, for the convent of the friars minors in Buttevant.’

CARRICK.

*“Pro conventu Carrigiensi me fieri fecit Fr.
ANTONIUS MANDERVILLE, Anno
Domini 1693.”*

‘Br. Anthouy Manderville caused me to be made for the convent of Carrick, in the year of our Lord 1693.’

CORK.

*“Frater GULIELMUS HARRIS, pro Conventu
S. Francisci, Cork, me fieri fecit, 1611.”*

‘Brother William Harris caused me to be made for the Convent of St. Francis, Cork, 1611.’

SHANDON.

*“Pro Conventu Secanden, prope Cork, fieri fecit
Fr. GUGLIELMUS TARRAIS, Anno
Domini 1614.”*

‘Br. William Tarrais caused this to be made for the Convent of Shandon, near Cork, A.D. 1614.’

*“Dna. MARGARITA SARSFELDA me fieri
fecit pro Fratribus Minoribus de Shandon,
A.D. 1627. Orate pro ea et pro marito ejus
WALTER COPPINGER.”*

‘Lady Margarita Sarsfield caused me to be made for the Friars Minors of Shandon, A.D. 1627. Pray for her and her husband Walter Coppinger.’

TIMOLEAGUE.

*“Orate pro animabus CAROLI DALE et
ELIZÆ BROWNE. Conven. de Timoleague.”*

‘Pray for the souls of Charles Dale and Eliza Browne. Convent of Timoleague.’

*“Hujus possessor DERMITIUS HANEN
sacerdos, 1628. Timoleague.”*

‘Dermot Hanen, Priest, owner of this, 1628. Timoleague.’

YOUGHAL.

*“Pro Conventu F.F. Mim. de Youghal, me denuo
fieri fecit, Fr. BARTH. ARCHDEKIN, 1751.”*

‘Br. Barth. Archdekin caused me to be re-made for the Convent of the Friars Minor in Youghal, 1751.’

[Rev. C. P. Meehan.]

C O U N T Y D E R R Y .

Parish of Coleraine.

The following inscriptions, and family notes, &c., have been kindly sent me by the Rev. Hugh M'Neill, and I feel sure will be read with interest.

The first is from a mural tablet about 2 feet high by 16 inches wide, on the inside of the east gable of Coleraine Church. The letters [all capitals, about 1 inch in height] are incised:—

“ PROPE HIC IACET SEPVLTA
ELIZABETHA DODINGTON VX
OR EDWARDO DODINGTONO
ARMIGER ET CAPT. DECASTRO
REGIS DE DONGEVEN IN COME
TATV DE COLERANE ET PRIMVS
QVI IBI EDEFICABAT MORE
ANGLICANO
.PRIMA ERAT FILIA DOMINI
GEORGEI POWLETT QVI FVIT
GVBERNATOR CIVITATIS DEREN
SIS ET IBI OCCISVS IN REBELLIO
NE ODOHERTI
MORIEBATVR 4 DIE IVN II 1610
ANNO AETATIS SVAE 24.”

‘This is one of several epitaphs in Coleraine Church, of great historic interest: it may be translated:—“Near this lies buried Elizabeth Dodington, wife to Edward Dodington, Esquire, and Captain of the

Castle of the King at Dungiven, in the County of Coleraine, and the first who there built in the English manner. She was the eldest daughter of Sir George Powlett, who was Governor of the City of Derry, and there fell in the Rebellion of O'Doherty. She died the 4th day of June, 1610, in the year of her age 24."

"This mural tablet in Coleraine Church gives the oldest date on any memorial stone in this neighbourhood, and yet, its lettering and style are quite modern and very different from that of Antony Kennedy, of Billy, 1620."

"Pynnar's Survey" (1619) says of Dungiven—"Captain Edward Dodington hath builded a castle of 22 foot broad, four stories high, whereof some part of the walls were standing before, and is now by him well finished and slated. He hath built a house adjoining to the castle of 43 foot long and 18 broad, the walls whereof some parts were standing, but not very well and handsomely slated and finished. He hath repaired a bawn of lime and stone about the castle and the house, with flankers of sufficient strength for defence. Towards the building of the castle and the bawn he had £200 from the King upon which and the rest of his building he hath bestowed £300 as he affirmeth."

"At that same time, a Lady Dodington, a daughter of Tristram Beresford, and widow of Sir Edward Dodington, also lived in Dungiven, *alias* Skinners' Hall, and had a fortified castle there and another at Cossalt, with bawns of "lyme and stone well fortified and a church adjoining each castle."

"The Rebellion of Sir Cahir O'Doherty, in which Sir George Pawlett was killed, took place in 1609, and its story is tolerably similar to that of other Irish Rebellions of the time."

"Sir Cahir O'Doherty was made chief of his clan (to the deposition of his uncle) by the English rulers in Derry, but they rewarded themselves with a portion of O'Doherty's lands, and finally matters came to an eruption, when, in an interview in his own house in Derry, Sir George Pawlett struck Sir Cahir O'Doherty a blow in the face; he, rushing forth, met his foster brothers, who declared there was but one way of wiping off the blow; the whole clan attacked Derry, sacked and burned the settlement and slew Sir George Pawlett, but three months later the Rebellion terminated by the death in action of O'Doherty in a skirmish, and his lands were confiscated and his head stuck over one of the gates of Derry."

"The expression in the epitaph, "who first there built in the English manner," tells us how modern are comfort and civilization in Ulster, for, prior to 1603, except the few Anglo-Norman castles and monasteries, all houses in this province were built in the "Scotch manner," *i.e.*, the walls of the trunks of trees and the roof of their branches, what the backwoodsmen call "wattle and dab."

"The Americans boast of what they have accomplished in two and a-half centuries, but let us remember 1610 is only ten years earlier than the landing of the "Pilgrim Fathers" on Plymouth rock, and the progress of Antrim and Down in that period compares satisfactorily with the great United States."

'Whilst Captain Dodington was building his house in Dungiven, he left his young wife in Coleraine, as a settler now would leave his wife in some frontier town, whilst he built his house in the backwoods.'

'Samuel Tod would be the officiating clergyman of the sad funeral of young Mrs. Dodington, for as treasurer of Connor in 1610, he was Rector of Coleraine (and Agherton and two other parishes); however, by an arrangement with Mr. Tod, Coleraine was in 1611 severed from the treasurership and made a separate benefice, the Irish Society becoming the patrons.'

'Of Coleraine Church the Visitation of 1622 says, "It standeth well slated and well repayred." The parish was then "esteemed to be worth fifty pounds per annum," which was more than the value of any other parish in the neighbourhood.'

'Old graveyard inscriptions are fast disappearing, owing to neglect and the lapse of time; but there are still many curious and interesting epitaphs in our old churchyards, and we should be glad if any of our readers would send us copies of such as may have come under their notice in the Counties of Derry or Antrim.'

The next is also a mural monument, inside of east gable of same church. Size about 36 inches by 23 inches; letters all capitals, incised; first letter larger than rest; height 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ inches:—

"A

MONUMENT OF THE
RIGHT VERTVOVS GENTLEWOMAN
MRS. ANN MVNRO DAVGHTR TO
GENERAL MAIOR ROBERT MVNRO
AND WIFE OF COLON^L GEORGE MVNRO
SHE LIVED TWENTY FIVE YEARS,
WAS MARRIED EIGHT YEARS, HAD
SEAVEN CHILDREN, WHEREOF TWO
SONNES ARE ALIVE YE OTHER FIVE
AS FORERUNNERS DID GOE TO POSSESS
HEAVEN BEFORE HER, SHE MADE HER
A PREPARATION FOR DEATH &
DYING SHEWED TESTIMONIES OF HER
APPROACHING JOYES BEYOND HER
AGE & SEX, WHEREBY SHE LABOURED
TO COMFORT HER PARENTS & HUSBAND

**LEAVING HER ACQUAINTANCE YE MEMORY
OF A GOOD CHRISTIAN, A LOVING DAUGHT'R
A CAREFULL MOTHER & DUTIFUL WIFE
OBIIT 3 OF MARCH 1647."**

‘ Robert Munro learned the art of war under Gustavus Adolphus in the “thirty years war,” and was the actual commander-in-chief of the Scotch army, which, in 1642, came to the relief of the Scotch and English colonists, nearly exterminated by the Rebellion of 1641.’

‘ He was treacherously seized in 1647 at Carrickfergus, by General Monk, and for five years was confined in the Tower of London.’

‘ Colonel Sir George Munro, his son-in-law, was a consistent Royalist, and fought for Charles I. both in Ireland and England, but always very unsuccessfully. The Puritan party, who hated him as a “malignant,” attributed the defeat at Benburb, in 1646, to the negligence of George Munro. Those two Munroses were of the family of Fowlis, of Kiltearn, in Scotland.’

For the above notes, I have to thank the Rev. Hugh M'Neill, of Gardenvale, who has previously sent me valuable information.—ED.

Parish of Dungiven—[“The Town on the Ridge.”]

‘ The old Church of Dungiven, about half a-mile eastward of the town, was the burying-place of the Sept of O’Cahan, and is still more generally used for that purpose than the grave-yard at the new church. The length of the body of the ruin within is 40 feet, and its width 20 feet. To this is added the chancel, 22 feet long by 18 feet wide. To the south of the altar is a sepulchral monument, adorned with sculpture of surprising elegance, and in tolerable preservation ; within a recess of the wall, at the height of 2 feet from the ground, is placed horizontally a large stone, on which the figure of a warrior lies at full length ; in front, four small upright figures are made to support the superincumbent one ; above the tomb, at the height of 9 feet, a pointed arch with a beautifully sculptured ornament within it, is still entire enough to show the correctness of its execution. This monument is said to belong to Cuinagal (in Latin Congalus), a hero of the O’Cahan family.’

‘ In the townland of Tamniaran [the “Base of the Hill”], is a singular place of interment. It is a mound about fifteen yards in diameter, on the top of a hill, on which are still visible about a dozen of graves, marked with large upright head and foot stones, and one lying horizontally between them.’

The following list of incumbents is taken from the Books of the First Fruits' Office :—

“EDMUND HARRISON admiss. 16^o Dec. 1616, ad Rect. de Banagher val. £8, Dungiven.

CAROL. VAUGHAN admiss. fuit 6^o die Oct. 1631, ad Rector. de Bannacher in Dongiven, in Com. Londonderry, £10 13s. 4d.

R. de Bannagher, cum Dungevin, Com. Londonderry, vacat. circiter ann. 1668.

GEORGII YOUNG admiss. institut. et induct. fuit 1^o die April, 1669, ad Vicar. de Dungevan, Com. Tyrone.

Rector & Vicar. de Bannagher et Dungevan, in Com. Londonderry pred. per mortem Georg. Young, ultimi ibm. incumbentis, vacat ann. circiter 1669.

ADAM READ, institut. et induct. 2^o die mensis Aug. 1670, ad R. de Bannagher cum Dungevin, in Com. Londonderry, £8. Rector et Vicar de Bannagher.

Quodq. Vicar. de Dungiven situat. in Com. Derens. ac infra Diaces. nram. Derens. deven. vac. per natural. mortem prd. Adam Read, et quodq. prd. GALFRID FANNING, ad prd. Vicar. institut. fuit circa prd. mens. Jan. annoq. 1716.

Quodq. Rector. de Banagher situat. in Com. Derens. ac infra Diaecess. nram. Derens. deven. vac. per nralem mortem pred. Adam Reid, circ. ann. 1716. Et quod. Galfrid Fanning, ad prd. Rector, institut. fuit circa mens. Jan. anno suprd.

GEORGE BLAKER, 7 July, 1791, Banaghcar, val. £8.”

[Mason.]

Kilrea Parish.

CHURCH PLATE.

The following is an extract from a letter from the rector of this parish [the Rev. William Irwin], which appeared in the *Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette* in May, 1891 :—

“The antique church plate, which we still have in use, is some 217 years old ; it consists of a Chalice, of solid silver, containing nearly an imperial quart, weighing 19½ ounces avoirdupois, and in a sufficiently good state of preservation to last 217 years more, though the “Hall Mark,” not quite effaced, has become illegible. The other, a small Paten, 6 inches in diameter, weighs 5½ ounces avoirdupois. Both are

“*The gift of Richard Clutterbuck of London Merchant to ye parrish of Kilreah in Ireland 1664.*”

‘In the list of rectors of this parish, the third name is that of “Laurence Clutterbuck,” appointed July 25th, 1675, eleven years after the gift of the plate ; an Englishman, I presume, a relative of the donor, and in some way connected with the Mercers’ Company.’

Parish of Maghera.

List of incumbents taken from Books of the First Fruits' Office :—

“ JOHAN. FREEMAN, admiss. 1634 ad Rector. de Maghera, £13 6s. 8d. et Inisteda als Ballinesculen in Com. Londonderry, £8 17s. 9d.

“ WILLIAM MOORE, 22 May 1627, Rector et Vicar de Maghera, £13 6s. 8d. et R. & V. de Inesteda als Ballyscullen, £8 17s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

“ GULIEL. MUSKETT, Cler. institut: fuit 30 die Martii 1704, ad Rector de Magheraii et Killelagh, £10.

“ RIGHT HON. LORD VISCT. STRANGFORD, R. Maghera & Killylagh, 2 June, 1769, Derry.

“ HENRY BERNARD, L. D. collated 1787, R. Maghera Killalaght united. Londonderry.

“ CLOTWORTHY SODEN, collated 18th April, 1795, R. Maghera, L. Derry, £10.”

‘ There are no monuments in the church, except those of the Rev. BELLINGHAM MAULEVERER, son-in-law of Dr. Nicholson, Archbishop of Cashel, and of Dr. Barnard, son of the Bishop of Derry, of that name, both rectors of this parish; the former died in 1752, the latter in 1793.’

Mason, writing in 1814, says :—

“ There is but one church in this parish, it was an old one when the ‘ Down Survey’ was made. At right angles with it, on the south side, the ruins of a considerable building were some years ago visible. The Episcopal See was removed to this place [Rathlurg] from Ardsrath [query Ardstraw], in the County Donegal, about the seventh century, from which it was afterwards removed to Derry” [about 1158].

“ There are two Roman Catholic chapels in this parish, viz., at Folgarevy and Moyagol.”

C O U N T Y D O W N .

Parish of Annahilt.

List of incumbents taken from the First Fruits' Records :—

“ Praeceptoratus Ecclesiae Cathedral Christi redemptoris de Dromore, cum rectoriis de Magheralin et Annahilt, ejusdem precentoriatu membris annexis ad quem quidem Praeceptoriat. REV. THOM. SMYTH, cler. art magist. per nos collat. fuit septimo die Januarii Anno Dom. 1725.”

“ CHARLES SMITH, A.B., 14th Nov., 1764, Precentor Cathed. Church of Dromore, and Rectories of Magheralin and Annahilt, £10, Co. Down.”

"MICHAEL SMITH, collated Jan. 1776, Precentor of Dromore, Rector Magheralin, Rectory Annahilt, £10. County Down."

"JOHN DUBOURDIEU, vice Michael Smith, instituted 13th November, 1789, Rectory Annahilt, £5." [Mason.]

The Rev. WILLIAM BROW FORDE appears as rector of this parish in 1817. [Erck.]

Mr. L. M. Ewart says of Annahilt :—

'[Church] built in 1741. Tower added in 1768 at the cost of the Marquis of Downshire. Rebuilt 1854; accom. 200.

INCUMBENT, Rev. Alex. Miller, A.B., ord. 1841, ind. 1875. Rev. W. B. Forde, 1817; Rev. Edward Kent, 1840; Rev. Edward Leslie, 1847; Rev. John F. Gordon, 1865. FORMER CURATES, Rev. Charles Falloon, 1826; Rev. W. H. Pilcher, 1858.'

C O U N T Y D O N E G A L .

Parish of Clonmany.

List of incumbents taken from the Books of the First Fruits' Office :—

"WILLIAM PATON, admiss. et institut. fuit 19^o Jan. 1630, ad rector. de Clonmany, in Com. Donegal. Val. 16£.

"JOHANNES BUNEBY, admiss. et collat. fuit 2^o Maii, 1636, ad R. de Clonmany, in Com. Donegal. Val. £12.

"DANIEL M'LOUGHLIN, institut. et induct. primo Junii, 1672, ad rector. de Cloamany, in Com. Donegal. Val. £12.

"JOHANNES ECHLIN, cler. in A. M. institut. fuit 8^o die August, 1711, ad rector. Clonmany, Com. Donegal.

"The Hon. JOHN SKIFFINGTON, rector. Clonmany 4th July, 1745.

"ARTHUR CHICHESTER, A.M. rect. Clonmany, 10th June, 1754.

"WILLIAM CHICHESTER, R. Clonmany, 19th July, 1768.

"HENRY THOMAS PRESTON, instituted 27th April, 1791. R.
Clonmany.

"ABRAHAM HAMILTON, collated 4th June, 1801. R. Clonmany."
[Mason.]

Seward says that "St. Columb founded an abbey here, which was formerly very rich."

Lewis, writing in 1837, says that "no trace of this building remained, but the festival of the saint is observed on the 9th of Junc."

'The glebe-house, built in 1819, cost £775. The church is a neat structure, with a low square tower.'

'The R.C. parish is co-extensive with that of the Established Church, and has a large and well-built chapel.'

Kilbarron Churchyard.

(Continued from page 167.)

Two ledger stones lean against the wall.

'MARY GILLESPIY died 16 August, 1795, aged 92 years.'

'Erected by JANE CASCADEN, of Ballyshannon, to her husband JOHN CASCADEN, who died 8 October, 1856, aged 60 years.'

'M. ANNE WILSON, died 6 Jany., 1889, aged 80 years.'

'ANNIE, wife of JOSEPH THOMPSON, died March 23, 1884.'

'MARY J. LAMONT died at Bundoran 10th October, 1883,
aged 63 years.'

'LIEUTENANT JAMES PLOWMAN, of the Carlow Regiment, who
died the 23rd day of April, 1814, aged 26 years, much
regretted by his brother officers, by whom this stone has
been erected as a testimony of their regard for his memory.'

[This is a flat stone opposite the E. end of the church.]

'W. BEAN, late Private in the 79th Regt., who died Jany
7th, 1802 [?], aged 22 years. Erected by his comrades.'

Next it is a stone marked "ALLINGHAM."

'LIZZIE ALLINGHAM died 5 May, 1887, aged 23 years.'

On an altar-tomb, opposite the east window of the church :—

'Erected by the Non Comm'd Officers and Privates of the Light Company 91st Regt. [Argyleshire], to Private DAVID M'INTOSH, drowned here 28 June, 1842 [?], aged 38 years, having served in the Regiment for 21 years.'

'REBECCA SCOTT, wife of John Scott, died 25 day of March, 1793 [?], aged 37 years.'

'JAMES DICKSON died 17 July, 1802, aged 82 years; also ELIZABETH DICKSON, who died 21 Novr., 1805, aged 56 [?] years,' &c., &c., &c.

There is a very old stone to the memory of JOHN JONES, with carved figures, angels, cross bones and skull, a coffin, a cross-crosslet, a stag, an hour-glass, &c.

Time did not permit me to read the inscription.—ED.

'WALKER WILLIAM COCKBURN.—1849.'

'WILLIAM CARSON, 12th January, 1813.'

'LIEUT. JAMES CARSON, of H. M. 68 [?] Regt. of Infantry, died 2nd August, 1833 [?], aged 44 years.'

There are three CRAWFORD tombs within an iron enclosure :—

'DAVID CRAWFORD, Esqre., died 8 Novr., 1825 [?], aged 64 years. Also MRS. SARAH CRAWFORD, his wife, died 18 Feby., 1855 [?], aged 84 years.'

'DAVID CRAWFORD, Junior, died 3rd Octr., 1830 [?], aged 23 years. Also SAMUEL CRAWFORD, Solr., born 6 April, 1795, died 28 March, 1881.'

'Also MARGARET CRAWFORD, his wife, born 19 June, 1799, died 20 June, 1876.'

'ROBERT CRAWFORD died 26 Oct., 1824, aged 33.'

There are several others of the family buried here.—ED.

‘ELIZABETH KELSALL, wife of Lieut. Jno. Kellsall, 85 Regt., died 4 Augt., 1832, in the 19th year of her age.’

‘FRANCES FOSTER died Mar. 14, 1782, aged 82 years.
Also MRS. CATHERINE FORSTER [*sic*], his wife, Septr. ye
17, 1782, aged 84 years.’

Crest—A greyhound [?]. *Arms*—Three hunting horns, with a grey-hound under them.

‘JAMES MOORE, 1723.’

‘ANTHONY STEWART died 12 Mar., 1759, aged 59. Also
his wife ANNE, died 14 May, 1785, aged 87.’

There are others later, 1882, &c.—ED.

‘JOHN VAUGHAN died 28 Novr., 1874, aged 83.’

Near this are more stones to the memory of members of the STEWART family.—ED.

‘GEORGE HENDERSON, August, 1776.’

The time at my disposal did not admit of my copying the remaining stones in this burial-ground, I regret to say.—ED.

Through the kindness and by permission of Mr. Hugh Allingham, author of the “History of Ballyshannon,” 1879, I am enabled to add the following :—

“**HERE LYES JEAN BANERMAN,
ALIAS FORBES, WHO DYED
SEPTEMBER THE SEVENTH
1681 AGED 65.”**

“Here lies the body of ELIZABETH CALDWELL, wife to FRANCIS IRVINE, who departed this life the 30 day of June, Anno Domini 1711.”

"Here lies the body of JOHN FAVSET, who departed this life the forty-fourth year of his age in July 9, 1712."

"Here lies the body of JOHN DELAP, who departed this life the 28 day of November, Anno Domini 1713."

"Here lies the body of ROBERT DELAP, who departed this life the 64 year of his agē in May the first."

[Year omitted, but appears to be one of the oldest stones in the churchyard.]

"Here lies the body of GEORGE HENDERSON, who departed this life on the 10 August, 1776, aged 56 years."

"Beneath are deposited the remains of THOMAS ATKINSON, of Cavangarden, Esq. He departed this life the 11th May, 1783, aged 70 years. Also the remains of his daughter REBECCA, who died 17th January, 1768, aged 12 years."

"Here lies the body of HUGH FINCH, who died September 1, 1782, aged 84 years. Also to the memory of his son WILLIAM, who departed this life the 24th June, 1790, aged 46 years."

"Here lies the body of THOMAS FAULKIN, who departed this life 20th November, 1786, aged 38 years, and who for friendship, hospitality, and benevolence, some might equal, but few could excel."

"Here lyeth the body of EDWARD SCANLAN, Esq., who departed this life October 10th, 1789, aged 62 years."

"Sacred to the memory of the REV. ROBERT CALDWELL, for many years dissenting minister of this place, who departed this life the 28th day of November, 1790, aged 53 years."

"Here lyeth the body of MARGARET LOCKHART, who departed this life 22nd November, 1790, aged 52 years."

"Here lyeth the body of JANE CURRY, who departed this life the 13th of March, 1791, aged 86 years."

"Sacred to the memory of FRANCIS McDONAGH, who departed this life the 26th day of February, 1796, aged 75 years."

"Beneath this stone are deposited the remains of Mr. ARCHD. MURRAY, who departed this life 22nd April, 1798, aged 67 years. Also the remains of MRS. FLORINDA MURRAY, relict of the above Archd. Murray, who departed this life the 17 day of April, 1799, aged 66 years."

"In memory of HENRY THOMPSON, who departed this life March 25th, 1799, aged 46 years."

"Sacred to the memory of JANE BRANDON, wife of Mr. EDWARD BRANDON, of Ballyshannon, Merchant, who died 1st January, 1801, aged 35 years."

[The above were the parents of the Rev. William Brandon, who died in the Pulpit of Finner Church, and the Rev. Dr. Barclay, now [1879] Bishop of Jerusalem, is their great-grandson.]

"Here lieth the body of RALPH BABINGTON, of Greenfort, in the Co. of Donegal, Esq. He died in February, 1806, aged 40 years."

"Beneath this stone are deposited the remains of PATRICK HALY, Esq., who departed this life the 26th day of April, 1813, aged 65 years."

'Known as the *Gentleman Piper* of Ballyshannon.'

Mr. Allingham inserts a sentence on page 69, which must not only give pleasure to the people in and around Ballyshannon, but to all who care for the Preservation of the Memorials of the Dead. He says:—

"It will be gratifying to all who have friends in Mullaghnashee, to know that the present incumbent, the Rev. S. G. Cochrane, is taking an interest in the preservation of the tombstones and monuments, and has at his own expense had many of them cleaned and repaired."

What Mr. Cochrane has done, might well be adopted in probably half the burial-grounds of Ireland.—ED.



EDWARD FORBES'S MONUMENT AT BALLYSHANNON.

The three Hearts at top, Love of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Another Heart, joined hour-glass fashion to the middle Heart of these three, signifying the Love of the Church.

Two χ [chi], one on each side, signifying Christ under all circumstances. Leading up to these χ^s are labyrinths = prayer to God (?) and blessings from Christ.

The triangles represent the Trinity,—the circles at each corner mean, Eternal Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. The circle in the centre = the Eternal Trinity.

The figure in the lower left-hand corner = a House not made with hands.

The three Birds = Omnipotence of the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost), the Atonement, finished because the cross has its root up.

The Circlet, or Segment of Circle, signifies Eternal Mercy of God in a crucified Redeemer.

The Shields at the bottom, signify, 1, "God, my shield at all Times." 2, = Completeness.

Such is the interpretation of the very uncommon carvings on this tombstone that has been sent me. Do any of my readers know of a tombstone or monument with similar emblems?

From "Fahan," Co. Derry, a stone is figured by the late G. Du Noyer, with a triangle and circles, and dots like those here represented.

Forbes' entry into T.C. Dub. (if he did enter there ?), is not recorded in the College books, but I found that he took his B.A. degree there in Easter, 1705, and his M.A., , 1708.

From Aberdeen I was unable to obtain any information of him; the records of that University, at the period required, not being forthcoming.—Ed.

Parish of Kilbarron.

' Except in the church and churchyard of Ballyshannon, and the Roman Catholic ground which surrounds the remains of the abbey of Ashrou, we have no monument or inscriptions of any kind; and none in any of those places that deserve particular notice.' *

* Mason's statement about there being no monuments of interest in the places named, is, I think, incorrect, and likely to mislead.—Ed.

'The following list, taken from the Books of the First Fruits' Office, affords some notices respecting the incumbents of this parish :—

"Vicar de Kilbarren JONES KNOX vicarius. Idem Jolies Knox : collatus fuit p. eundem Andrem Epm. Rapoten ad tertias Episcolas de Kilbarren pleno jure 5^o die Februar. 1619.

'JAMES O'NEILL of Kilbarron, 24 Jun. 1745.

'WILLIAM MAJOR A.M. 2 Oct. 1781, V. Kilbarrain Donegal.

'CHRISTOPHER BRITSON, 24 June. 1784, V. Kilbarrain.

'HENRY MAJOR, A.B. collated, 1801, Vicar of Kilbarron, Donegal, £1 10s. [Mason.]

The following list of incumbents of the parish of Kilbarron [Ballyshannon], is taken from Mr. H. Allingham's book :—

1691. The Reverend John Forbes.	1822. The Reverend Robert Packen-
1718. " " James Forbes.	ham.
1734. " " George Knox.	1827. " " George Griffith.
1745. " " James O'Neil.	(Vicar only.)
1809. " " Henry Major.	1830. " " N. Tredenick.
1820. " " Robert Ball.	

1872. The Reverend S. G. Cochrane, A.B., the present incumbent [1891].

C O U N T Y D U B L I N .

Christ Church Cathedral.

The following extract from the Report for 1890, on Christ Church Cathedral, is pleasant to one's ears amidst tales of desecration, neglect, and spoliation :—

"The report of Mr. Drew, R.H.A., the honorary architect, contains the satisfactory information that the monuments have been *carefully* cleaned and made more attractive."

But—Nothing is said of the sixteen or more fine marble monuments that lie buried underground in the crypt or vaults of this church, and which have, I believe, been allowed to remain there for about twelve years or longer.

The monument of Prior, the founder of the Royal Dublin Society, has, I am informed, been recently re-erected, after some "agitation" on the matter. I trust it may be the forerunner of others that have so long been displaced and buried.

The following is an extract from a letter I have received about these monuments :—

“I wish you would direct public reprobation to the treatment these monuments have received ; it is too bad that church authorities, whose representatives are paid for the placing of them in the Cathedral, consider themselves able to repudiate the bargains of their predecessors, and to eject the expensive tombs of a former generation from their church.”

Parish of Bonabate (?).

“At Portrahen, or Portraehern, a village on the shore opposite to Lambay Island, are the ruins of a small church dedicated to St. Kenny, and a large stone, or tomb, with an inscription on the cover, to the memory of one LYNN, who had been a souldier in Queen Ann’s warr, and noted for his great strength and abilities altho but a young man.”

“Here lyeth the | Body of Mr. ADAM | LYNN who departed |
this life the 19 day | of November Anno | Domini 1722 aged |
forty five years | or - there abouts.” |

[I. B. MS.]

Parish of Finglass.

ST. CAMIC’S CHURCH.

SILVER COMMUNION PLATE.

Two Flagons, inscribed :—

“*Ex dono JOHN SPRINGHAM Gen 1696.*”

Two Chalices, inscribed :—

“*Calix parochialis Eccles sancti Cainic de Finglass
Comitatu Dublin.*”

Two small Patens, no date or inscription.

One Alms Dish, inscribed :—

“*The gift of the LADY TYD STEPHENS
to the Parish Church of Finglass 1705.*”

(With family crest and arms.)

Two large Patens, with same inscription and date as the Alms Dish.

[From the Rev. J. W. Stubbs, D.D., S.F.T.C.D.]

Parish of Leixlip.

‘ On the north wall of the chancel arch is the following :—

“ THIS : TOMB : WAS : ERECTED : BY :
 THE : LADY : URSULA | WHIT :
 DAUGHTER : TO : THE : LORD :
 MOORE | HERE : LYETH : THE :
 BODIS : OF : S^R : NICHOLAS :
 WHITE | KNIGHT : DECEASED : THE :
 24TH OF : FEBRUARIE : 1654 : AND |
 HIS : SON : NICHOLAS : WHITE :
 ESQ : DECEASED : THE : 31 : OF
 DECEMBR : | 1664.”

‘ Above this are the arms of WHITE and MOORE, viz. :—

Arg.: a chevron between three roses gu. barbed and seeded or.—[White.]

Impaling—Arg.: on a chief indented or, three mullets pierced gu.—
 [Moore.]

[From Arthur Vicars, Esq.]

Lusk.

CHURCH PLATE.

Chalice—Maker’s initials, W. A., Harp and Crown, date letter R; inscription :—

“ *For the Church of Lusk, 1705.*”

Irish silver, made in the year 1700.

Paten—Unmarked, except a small b m and 5. 11 [probably its weight]. Same inscription as on chalice.

The above are silver and “ hall marked.”

‘ There is also a modern plated chalice and flagon, without date or inscription.’

[From Mrs. Perrin, of Knockdromin.]

Portmarnock.

[Extracts from Isaac Butler’s Journal, June 14, 1744.]

‘ In the east end of Portmarnock Church, County Dublin, parish of Portmarnock, a large mile from St. Doulachs, where the altar stood there is a large gravestone inscribed with columns and the following inscription :—

**"HERE UNDER LYETH | THE BODIE OF
TERESA PLUNKET | WHO DECESSED
THIE 20 OF AUGUST ANNO
DOMINI 1612."**

S. George's.

THE BELLS OF S. GEORGE'S, DUBLIN.

The architect of S. George's Church, built in the early years of this century, was Francis Johnston, who played such an important part in the classical Renaissance of the end of the eighteenth century in Dublin. He lived in Eccles-street, in the house now numbered 64, and which is the width of two ordinary street houses.

The stable attached to this house is, however, its most curious adjunct. Passers through Dorset-street, when looking up Eccles-lane, are often surprised to see a church tower where they would not expect a church to exist. This tower really rises from the stable of Mr. Johnston's house, and is a stucco representation of the perpendicular architecture of the fifteenth century. Tradition has it that Mr. Johnston, the great classical architect, wished to show his contempt for Gothic architecture, and so used it when designing a stable. Judging from the specimens of Mr. Johnston's Gothic architecture which survive in the city, it is not to be wondered at that he did not admire a style he so utterly failed to appreciate. The interior of the stable contains some curious old woodwork, secret passages, &c.

In the tower of his stable in 1828, Mr. Johnston had six bells hung, and these bells he had rung on certain anniversaries. His neighbours not unnaturally objected, as the bells were hung just at the height of their bedroom windows. Soon afterwards Mr. Johnston had two bells added to the six, and he and wife presented the eight to S. George's Church.

Such is the account generally given. Judging by the inscription on the bells, three of which bear the date 1828, the period during which they remained in the stable must have been very short, as the additional bells seem to have been cast in the same year as the original six.

The following is an accurate copy of the inscription on the bells. We believe it has never been published before :—

Treble—"God save the King, 1828."

2nd—"Universal Benevolence."

3rd—"God preserve the Church. Amen."

4th—"Peace and prosperity to Ireland."

5th—"We rejoice to ring for our Constitution and King."

6th—"The Rev. W. Bushe, Rector; Rev. F. Bridge, Rev. J. Short, Curates, 1828."

7th—"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to men."

Tenor—"These bells were all cast by Thomas Meares, of London, and were presented to the Parish Church of S. George, Dublin, by Francis Johnston, Esq., the architect of said church, and by Mrs. Anne Johnston, his wife, 1828."

Evidently the 6th and tenor bells were the two added.

The reason why the bells were hung so low is, that though the lower belfry is the larger, to fit the bells into it required great ingenuity; in one case the stonework had to be chiselled away in order to allow the bell to swing free. Had the bells been placed in the upper belfry, in a double range, the difficulty would have been overcome.

Mr. Johnston endowed the bells with a small annual sum, which was given to the ringers for a dinner, the condition being that the bells were to be rung on certain days, one of which was Mr. Johnston's birthday. For a great many years, until perhaps about 1865, the bells were rung by paid ringers; the money was paid, and the dinner eaten. There was from that a long silence, the bells hanging unused until about 1876. About the latter date, a parishioner, who is now incumbent of an English parish, joined the S. Patrick's Amateur Ringers, and learned to ring. He got one or two more parishioners to join, and when they had learned they taught others until a team was ready, and "S. George's Society of Amateur Changers" was formed. An appeal was then made to the Select Vestry, and money granted for new ropes and a few necessary repairs. The old ropes were handed into S. Audoen's, whose bells were also rung by amateurs at that time.

Since that time the bells of S. George's have been rung regularly by amateurs, and have afforded many an hour of pleasant and healthful exercise to the young men of the parish; and the bells instead of hanging idle in the steeple have fulfilled their donors' object, and have on Sunday mornings and evenings rung the parishioners to church, and have pealed out each Christmas morning and the commencement of each New Year.

The difficulty of change-ringing may be to a small extent understood from the following consideration:—It consists in ringing the bells according to certain systems, so that the same order of bells is never repeated during the ring, and yet only two bells, as a rule, change places each time. Eight bells can ring in 40,320 different orders, to ring which would take one day four hours. Nothing under 5,000 changes is dignified by the name of a "peal," everything less is passed off as a "touch" or a "flourish."

[E. MacDowell Cosgrave, M.D., 5 Gardiner's-row.]

"Francis Johnston died on the 14th March, 1829 (the year after he presented the bells to the parish church). The following is the inscription on his tomb in this churchyard:—

"Underneath lie interred | the remains of MR. FRANCIS
JOHNSTON | who departed this life on the 14 day of March,
1829, | in the 69th year of his age. | Also | MRS. ANNE
JOHNSTON, | Relict of the above named Francis Johnston, |
who departed this life on the 18th August, 1841, | in the
72nd year of her age."

The bells above described cost £1,300.

(Medallion showing left side of face.)

“ To the memory of | CHARLES L. METZLER GIESECKE, |
 Knight Commander of the Royal Danish Order of Danebrog, |
 F.R.S.E. and G.S.L.V.P.R.I.A., H.M.R.D.S., M.W.S.W.M.B.
 S.L.M.R.D.A.S., Member of the Royal Societies of Copen-
 hagen, Upsala, St. Petersburgh, | Dresden, Munich, Jena,
 Wetterau, Prague, &c., &c., | who devoted thirty-six years
 to the Sciences of Mineralogy and Geology. | In the pursuit
 of which he traversed a great part of Europe, and passed |
 seven years in GREENLAND amongst unnumbered obstacles
 and privations | with an ardour unabated by the severity of
 that inhospitable clime. | He was distinguished by the favour
 of many of the crowned heads of Europe, | and was for
 nineteen years professor of Mineralogy in the | ROYAL
 DUBLIN SOCIETY. | He was beloved as a friend and
 sought as a companion | By all who knew him. | Born at
 Augsburg April 6th, 1761, | Died at Dublin March 5th, 1833.”

[Mural tablet.]

(A mural tablet, having on top a kneeling angel, holding a wreath
 containing the words “ *Ob cives servatos.* ”)

“ To the memory of | EPHRAIM M'DOWEL, M.D., M.R.I.A., |
 Censor of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, | and
 Surgeon to the Richmond Hospital. | In his XXXVIIIth
 year he was removed from his sphere of usefulness. |
 Honoured and beloved by all who knew him, | But especially
 by his numerous apprentices, | who, mourning for their loss,
 have raised this marble | To commemorate the virtues of an
 excellent and amiable man. | OB. DEC. VII. MDCCXXXV.”

[Copied by E. MacDowell Cosgrave, M.D.]

St. Werburgh's Church.

A FIFTEENTH-CENTURY ALTAR-TOMB OF ONE OF THE EARLS OF KILDARE.

‘ Built in between the lower windows on the outside of the south wall of this church are the remains of what at one time was a handsome FitzGerald altar-tomb; it consists of the covering-slab bearing the effigies of a knight in armour and his wife, and the three sides of which are elaborately decorated with sixteen niches containing figures representing the saints. These niches are placed as follows:—Between the first two windows is the front side of the tomb, with eight niches in it; then comes the covering-slab, standing upright, with one of the end sides above it, containing four niches; and between the last two windows is the other end side, in two pieces, each containing two niches, which are acting as a support to a mural tablet.

'The material of which the tomb is composed is a kind of yellow sand-stone; the sculptures are much worn away by their exposure to the weather, particularly the two effigies; there is no inscription visible; the length of the slab is 7 feet.

'The knight is clad in plate armour, portions of which—such as that over the hips, &c.—are made pliant by means of overlapping plates on the same principle as the shell on the crawfish's tail; his head rests on a support, and is covered by a conical-shaped helmet with the visor up (if it has one at all); on his left arm is slung an angular shield of very small size, being only about 18 inches in length; it bears the FitzGerald arms—a saltire (ar. a saltire gu.). The sword hangs well forward from a belt buckled in front; the ends of the guard to the hilt are curved downwards; the hilt is grasped by the right hand, and the scabbard by the left; the feet rest on a dog-like animal.

'The lady lies on the left-hand side of the knight; her arms are uncrossed, but doubled up from the elbows so as to allow the hands to lie open, palms uppermost, on the breast; the dress falls in graceful folds to the feet, which rest on a cushion (as far as one can judge); round the waist is a belt, on which are three large round ornaments; the head rests on a cushion supported by angels.

'Of the sculptures on the sides, the first niche contains a group of the Trinity; the Father is seated, with the arms raised from the elbows, the left hand is open, while the right hand has the little finger and the one next to it closed; between the knees is the Son crucified, and over the latter's head is a dove, representing the Holy Ghost. The other figures in the remaining fifteen niches seem to represent the Saints—some are bearded, others not; some are bare-headed, others wear mitres or crowns, while all have some article in their hands—such as a book, or a sword, or a staff having a head formed by a double-armed cross, &c.

'The Rev. S. C. Hughes, Rector of St. Werburgh's, in his recently-published book on this church, has the following notice on this tomb:—

"There are certain stone figures built into the outside of the south wall of the present church, bearing the Geraldine arms, now almost defaced by long exposure. The main figures are a knight in armour and his wife, figures which in the old church were recumbent in a pew, with sixteen smaller figures, which formed the sides of the monument. The Geraldine of St. Werburgh's is either John 'the Crooked,' 6th Earl of Kildare, the builder of the Castle of Maynooth (*recte re*-builder, as the castle was built by Maurice FitzGerald in 1176), or, more probably, Thomas, the 7th Earl, both of whom, we are told in the Peerage of Lodge and Archdall, were buried in the Monastery of All Saints, where Dublin University now stands—John in 1427, and Thomas, who was Lord Deputy, in 1478.*

* John, the 6th Earl, was nicknamed "Shaun Cam," or John the Creuch-back; he died on the 17th of October, 1427; he married (according to Lodge) Margaret De La Herne, and, according to a pedigree in "the Earl of Kildare's White Book," his wife was a Basset. Their only child, Thomas, became the 7th Earl of Kildare, and was several times made Lord Deputy; he died on the 25th March, 1447, and was buried beside his father in the Monastery of All Hallows; his wife was Lady Joan Fitzgerald.

"Richard Butler, Dean of Clonmacnoise, in his work on the Monastery, suggests that the monument belonged to one of these, and was removed to St. Werburgh's at the breaking up of the Monastery. Mr. Gilbert, however, states that it was brought from the Church of St. Mary Del Dam* (*i.e.*, St. Mary of the Mill-dam, from which Dame-street got its name). It could not have remained long in the Church of St. Mary, only the time intervening between the dissolution of the Monastery and the secularisation of St. Mary's Church.

"This, which is now the only remains of the Monastery, would be placed for safety, by the influence of the Kildare family, in St. Mary's, the parish church of the Castle, where several Geraldines had held court, and thence again removed to the later parish church of St. Werburgh. It remained recumbent in a pew till about 1663, when, more space being required, it was removed outside the church, and then in 1715 built into the walls of the present structure."

"This monument can be seen any day by passing through a door (over which is written GIRLS, which is generally unlocked) which attaches the school to the church; here, too, lives the sexton, an obliging man named FitzGerald, who has the key of the grating leading down to the vault, under the church, where Lord Edward FitzGerald's coffin was placed in 1798, and where it still remains."

[From Lord Walter FitzGerald, F.R.S.A.I.]

Parish of Swords.

[From Isaac Butler's MS., June 18th, 1740 (*cir.*)].

"In the church of Swords, Co. Dublin, against the south wall of the chancel there is a good set of organs, being the gift of PLUNKET PLUNKET, Esq. There is a good altar piece of curious yellow marble. On the right

daughter of the 7th Earl of Desmond; she died in 1486, and was buried in the Monastery at Adare, Co. Limerick, which she and her husband had founded. (*Vide* "The Earls of Kildare.")

* In the reign of Henry VIII., the parish of St. Mary (whose church anciently stood on the southern side of the acclivity at present known as "Cork Hill," which church acquired from a contiguous mill-dam the name of Sainte Marie del' Dam or De la Dam) was united to that of St. Werburgh. In time the Church of St. Mary, during Elizabeth's reign, came into the possession of Richard Boyle, 1st Earl of Cork, who erected upon its site a mansion subsequently known as "Cork House." Of the monuments of the old church, but one, which was removed from Cork House to St. Werburgh's Church, appears to have been preserved. Dineley, who examined it in the reign of Charles II., describes it as a "very fair monument," and adds:—"It is thought to represent the founder and foundress [of the church of St. Marie] in the shape of a knight in armour mail with a shield with three crosses (this is incorrect) not much unlike those on the shield of Strongbow in Christ Church; his lady also laid down at his left side on a cushion guarded with angels. This monument is supported round about with several figures of saints, apostles, and Scripture history." After its transfer from Cork House, the monument was placed in St. Werburgh's Church; thence, about the middle of the seventeenth century, removed to the cemetery, and finally inserted in the southern wall of the church, where it may still be seen. (*Vide* Gilbert's "History of Dublin," vol. ii., p. 3.)

hand of the altar there is fixt up in the wall, a small monument of marble, with the following inscription on a plate of white marble :—

“Here lyeth ye Body of the Reverd. HENRY SCARDEVILL,*
Dean of Cloyn, Archdeacon of Rosse, Prebendary & Vicar
of Swords who Departed this life ye 3d of Feb., 1703.
Together wt ye Body of His First Wife Mary ye Daughter
of the Hon : Colli. Gvr MOLESWORTH of London, who
died in child bed & left no iſſue. He also married MARGARET
ye daughter of ROBERT CLILLIFORD of Encoomb in ye County
of Dorset, Esq., who lies interred at Thistleworth in
Middlesex, by whom HE had issue A Son & a Daugter, viz.
FREDERICK MAYNHARD, & ELIZABETH.”

‘On a gravestone on the Gospel side :—

“Here lyeth the Body | of THE REVERENT (sic) MR. THOM |
KING, late Prebend And Vicar of Swords who | departed this
life THE 14 | of January, 1798.”

‘Near the rails of the altar, on a gravestone :—

“This stone was erected by JOHN TAYLOR, of Swords, Esq.,
the ground being nine feet long, and six broad (situated on
the north side of the altar), being the antient burial place
of his ancestors Septr. ye 9th 1725.”

‘On the head of said stone are the arms of the Taylors, with this
motto :—“*Prudent com le Serpent.*”

‘On a large gravestone in the isle, near the step leading to the altar :—

“HERE LIES INTERRED | YE RE^D
CHRISTOPHER HEWETSON CLK† |
LATE CHAN: OF CHRISTS. |
PREB: OF ST PATR. CHURCH |
VICAR OF THIS | AND CHAP: TO
THE MOST RE^{EVD} AD LOFTUS |
(SOMTIME LORD ARBP OF DUB |
AND L^D CHAN. OF IRELAND) |

* He was chaplain to Duke Schomberg, Mr. J. F. Fuller says.

+ Christopher Hewitson, or Hewson, was “Treasurer” of Christ’s Church, 1596, which he held till his death in 1633. In 1615, he appears as one of the Prebendaries of St. Patrick’s, and Vicar of Swords.—E.R.

OBJT AN DOM 1634 | WITH
SEVERAL OF HIS NEAR RELA-
TIONS* | ON WHOSE GRAVE Y^{IS}
STONE WAS LAID | BY HIS
GRANDSON MIC HEWITSON |
ARCH DEACON OF ARMAGH, |
JULY 9, 1694. |

* On a stone fixt in the north wall of the school-house which joins the church :—

“ THIS SCHOOL HOUSE | WAS ERECTED | BY YE
REVD | MICH HEWETSON | ARCH DEAC | OF
ARMAGH | AN DOM 1700.” |

“ To the memory of | JOHN OWEN, D.D., | whose remains lie
interred underneath, | Dean of Clonmacnoise, Prebendary
of the | Cathedrals of Christ’s Church & St. Patrick’s, | Dublin,
and Vicar of this Parish, | who during a ministry of fifty-three
years, | in every station to which he was appointed | approved
himself | a faithful, diligent minister of the Gospel, | of piety
unfeigned, of manners without blemish, | adorning his
religion by the most extensive benevolence, | and ever happiest, |
when he had the opportunity of employing the means, | with
which the Almighty had blessed him, | in advancing the
happiness of his fellow creatures. | His nephews WILLIAM
and GARRET OWEN | in grateful veneration of his virtues |
Have erected this. | He departed this life 25th of February,
1760, | in the 74th year of his age.”

* He was Prebendary of St. Michael’s, Dublin, from 1736 to 1747.

* In 1737 he was Precentor of Kildare; in 1744 he obtained the
Prebend of Swords; and in 1741 the Deanery of Clonmacnoise. He
resigned this† prebend in 1746, and took that of St. John’s.

* He entered T.C.D., where he obtained a Scholarship in 1706;
graduated B.A. *Vern.*, 1797; M.A. *Ast.*, 1710; B.D. and D.D. *Vern.*,
1730.

* Doctor Owen received a fair share of Church preferments.

In 1710, he became curate of St. Andrew’s, Dublin.

1722, Prebendary of Errew, in diocese of Killala.

* This line has been supplied by J. F. Fuller, Esq., 1892, who kindly sent me a
copy of this and other epitaphs at Swords.—ED.

† St. Michael’s.

1726, Decr. 1st., Rector of Tamlaght O'Crilly (Derry) *vice* Walsh.

1727, May 4th, Rector of Boveragh (Derry) *vice* Nicholson.

1731, Augt., Rector of Tamlaght Finlagan (Derry). He held these three parishes by Faculty dated 6 August, 1731.

1735, Mar. 22, Prebendary of St. Michael's, Dublin.

1736, Rector of Lemanaghan, Wherry, and Tessauran, Meath; Faculty dated 2nd April, 1736.

1737, June 6, Precentor of Kildare.

1742, Feb. 18, Dean of Clonmacnoise, *vice* Anthony Dopping promoted to the Bishoprick of Ossory.

1744, Augt. 17, Prebendary of Swords (Co. Dublin).

1746, Dece. 3, Prebendary of St. John's, Christ's Church Cathedral.

'He was buried at Swords; his town residence was in Stephen's-street.

'Arms on his monument:—A chevron between three lions rampant.

'Crest—A lion, rampant.'

[*Irish Builder*, vol. 34, p. 85.]

I have to thank J. F. Fuller, Esq., for having kindly devoted some of his valuable time to the copying of the following inscriptions from the monumental records of the churchyard of this parish. It will be noticed that many of them are deficient of some of the most important words, while others are nearly altogether illegible. The value of such a work as is attempted to be carried out in the "Preservation of the Memorials of the Dead," will be self-evident from these now imperfect records of those buried here.

"ORATE PRO AN JACOBI BLAKENY ET
ELIZABETHA TAILLOR ALIZONE . . .
. MARGARET WALSHE ET
WILLIELMI BLAKENEY QVI OBYT 10
JAN 1587 ET
IN HOC TUMULO."

"THIS STONE AN BELONG
MICHAEL EAGL POSTERITY HERE
. OF HIS CHILDREN ROBERT, MARY,
AND SU JUNE YE 15TH 17 . ."

" BURIAL-PLACE BELONGETH | TO
GEORGE KNOWD OF SWORDS |
BODY OF FRANCES KNOWD | WHO DEPARTED
THIS LIFE JAN | 20, 1755, AGED 20 YEARS." |

" ERECTED BY ROBERT WILSON OF | SWORDS IN
MEMORY OF HIS FATHER | WILLIAM—WHO
DEPARTED THIS | LIFE NO. 6, 1750, AGED 75,
AND | HIS POSTERITY " (sic).

" JOHN OGAN LATE OF | SWORDS DEPARTED
THIS LIFE | JULY 17, 1758, AGED 76."

" THOMAS LAURENCE WHO DEPARTED THIS
LIFE FEBRY 27, 1774"

'Remainder not legible.'

" IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD GOD
1775 BY MR. JOHN ROE OF BOLTON
STREET, WHOSE BURIAL-GROUND IT IS, IN
MEMORY OF HIS ANCESTORS INTERRED HERE
AND OF HIS POSTERITY." [Sic.]

" BELONGETH JAMES MCABE
OF DUBLIN, BREWER. HERE LIETH HIS WIFE,
MARY, WHO DIED JULY 1782."

" ERECTED BY ELIZABETH DOWLING, IN MEMORY
OF HER DEARLY BELOVED HUSBAND LAURENCE
LATE OF SWORDS, SLATER, WHO DEPARTED
THIS LIFE JANY. 31, 1800, AGED 42."

" R. M. 1730."

" PETER DOYLE OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN, MEASURER."
'This was all I could make out of this stone.'

" LATE MR. ARCHIBALD MOORE OF
NEWTOWN, CO. DUBLIN, WHO DIED JUNE 16,
1805, AGED 45."

" BELONGETH TO THOMAS ROCHFORT
OF DUBLIN, CHANDLER, AND HIS WIFE CECILIA
ROCHFORT JANY. 3, 1792, AGED 35,
ALSO OF HIS CHILDREN "

" FELIX O'CALLGHAN THE
REMAINS OF HIS BELOVED WIFE MARY WHO
DIED IN APRIL 1780, AGED 60. ALSO HIS
DAUGHTER ELENOR WHO DIED IN NOVR. 1780,
AGED 18."

Parish of Tallaght.

A. J. Fetherstonhaugh, Esq., has sent me the following inscription from a tombstone in the churchyard of Tallaght:—

' Above the inscription are the letters I.H.S., with a cross conjoined, and under them a heart, the whole enclosed in a sun.

' Beneath the inscription are engraved a death's head and cross bones, and the words "MEMENTO MORI."

" *T*HIS BURIAL PLACE WAS PUCHASD
AND TOMB ERECTED BY *P*ATRICK
*F*IERAGH OF FUR-HOUSE FOR HIM
AND HIS POSTERITY. HERE UNDER
LIETH Y^e BODY OF THE SAID PATRICK
FIERAGH WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE
2^d OF APRIAL 1715. HERE ALSO LIETH Y^e
BODY OF HIS SON WILLIAM WHO DEPAR
TED THIS LIFE AUGUS THE 28, 1736.
Here also lieth the body of MAURICE FIERAGH who
departed this life May y^e 31, 1743, Aged 63."

THE BELLS OF TALLAGHT PARISH CHURCH.

" June 6th, 1813.—Lundy Foot, churchwarden, bought from John Bennet, one large bell weighing 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 4 lbs. at 2s. 6d. per lb., £137. Received for old bell, weighing 1 cwt. 3 qrs. 19 lbs. at 1s. 1d. a lb., £10 15s., and paid Mr. Blackbourne for hanging same, £68 6s.

[Handcock's "Tallaght," p. 23.]

"1774. At a vestry held on the 13th September this year, it was resolved that the bell given in exchange by Mr. Goodison for the two cracked bells of the parish, is not as good as either of them in sound and clearness, and that the churchwardens do apply forthwith for a better bell."

[*Ibid.*, p. 21.]

"The church is damp and cold, the monuments in it are one to Sir Timothy Allen, one to Mathew Hatfieldcock, one to the Rev. J. Ryan, one to Mrs. Clancy, and one to J. Robinson.

"The churchyard is very extensive, containing several acres on the S. side of the church."

[*Ibid.*, p. 36.]

C O U N T Y F E R M A N A G H .

Parish of Cleenish.

The following curiously-worded old inscription has been kindly sent me, with a drawing of the monument, by Mr. Thomas Plunkett, of Enniskillen :—

'Above the inscription is the achievement of the Auchenlecks. I give the exact blazon :—A cross couped in chief and base or, betw. in the 1st, 2nd, and 4th quarters, a mullet pierced, and in the 3rd quarter a bugle-horn stringed. Impaling :—Two bundles of (?) organ pipes (of 4 each), sinister bendwise in fess, betw. in chief three fleurs-de-lys, and in base as many swords, points upwards, fesswise.

Crest—A cuffed hand grasping a scroll fesswise.

The tinctures not being marked, a hyphen is inserted where they should come in the blazon. The whole arms are very rudely cut, and present indications of want of knowledge of heraldry on the part of the stone-cutter.

Beneath are a death's head and cross bones and a coffin below them, and on either side an hour glass and a bell and rope attached to it; over all is an angel's head and wings.*

"HERE · LYETH · A · PIIOUS · RELIGIOUS · AND · VER
TUOUS · GENTLEWOMAN · MRS · MARCET ·
AUCHENLECK · SOME · TIME · WIFE · TO · MR
JAMES · AUCHENLECK · NOW · PARSON · OF ·
GLEENISH · WHO · ENDED · THIS · LIFE · IN ·

* For the above blazon I am indebted to Arthur Vicars, Esq.

THE · THIRTY · NYNTH · YEAR · OF · HER · AGE
 ON · THE · SEVENTEENTH · DAY · OF · OCTOBER ·
 ANNO · DONI · 1680 · AND · ABOUT ·
 THIS · TOMBE · DO · LY · SIXE · OF · HER ·
 CHILDREN · VIZ · TWO · SONES · BOTH · CALLED
 ALEXANDER · & · FOUR · DAUGHTERS · TO · WIT
 ANNE · MARTHA · ELIZABETH · &
 HOEBE · AUCHENLECKS."

'The above inscription is on a sandstone flag in the wall of Cleenish Church, on the margin of the upper Lough Erne, Diocese of Clogher.'

Parish of Devnish.

'List of incumbents taken from First Fruits' Records:—

"ARCHIBALD ERSKINS, A.M., institut. fuit 30° Nov. et induct. fuit 10° Feb., 1630, Rect. et Vic. de Devenish, in Fermanagh, £17 15s. 1d.

"Rev. JOHAN KER, collat. fuit vicesimo tertio die mens. May, Anno Domini, 1729, vacant. per mortem naturalem, Rev. JOHAN FOLQUE, S.T.D., ult. ibm. Incumbent, ad Rectoriam et Vicariam de Devenish, in Com. Fermanagh, et Diaecesis Clogherin.

"Rev. RICHARD VINCENT, collat. fuit quarto die mensis April, Anno Dom. 1738, vacat. per cessionem Rev. Johannis Ker, ult. ibm. Incumbent, ad praebendam sive Rector. et Vicar. de Devenish, in Com. Fermanagh.

"PHILIP SKELTON, Praeb. Devnish, 8th June, 1759.

"GEORGE WALLEN, A.M.P. Devenish, otherwise Devnish, R. V. same, £13 6s. 8d., 10 June, 1766.

"JOHN CAMPBELL, P. Devnish, als Devnish, & R. & V. same, 2 May, 1767, Fermanagh, £13 6s. 8d.

"HUGH NEVIN, collated 25 July, 1787, P. Devenish, otherwise Devnish, R. same, V. same, £13 6s. 8d.

"MICHAEL HUGH TUTHILL, P. Devenish, als. Devnish, Co. Fermanagh, 5th Feb., 1768.

"JOHN DOYLE, collated 11 Oct., 1791, P. Devenish, otherwise Devnish, R. same, V. same, £13 6s. 8d.

"JOHN CAULFIELD, D.D., collated 1797, R. V. Devenish, Fermanagh, £13 6s. 8d."

[Mason.]

Rev. THOMAS RICHARDSON, A.M., appears as Rector in 1816; and the Rev. WILLIAM FAUSSETT as Curate.

Rev. HUME LAWDER was appointed Rector in 1820. Patron, the Bishop.

[Erck.]

Parish of Enniskillen.

**"TO THE MEMORY OF MARGARET,
THE WIFE OF DAVID RYND SEN^R,
WHO, BEING ABOUT LXVII. YEARS
OF AGE. DEPARTED THIS LIFE
THE 6TH OF THE IDES OF AUG.
ANNO DOM^I MDCLXXV."**

**"HERE LIES ENSHRIN'D BENEATH THIS MONUMENT,
SHE, WHOM EV'N HEARTS OF FLINT MUST NEEDS LAMENT.
THE LOSE OF WHO (IF BIRTH, WELTH, CHARITIE,
COULD LIFE DESERVE), HAD NOT KNOWN HOW TO DIE."**

'The above D. Rynd, of Enniskillen, was a patentee under the Act of Settlement of Lands in the County of Fermanagh, and married Margaret, daughter of Christopher Irvin, Esq., and widow of Colonel Richard Bell, and Captain Thomas Maxwell. DAVID RYND, senior, was buried 1st December, 1677. He left a son, David Rynd, of Derryvolan, J.P., who was High Sheriff in 1681, and among those who were attainted by James II., 1689. He died 1723. This signature appears in the vestry-book as Provost of Enniskillen Corporation, 1682.'

"P. M. S.

**"DANIELIS ECCLES ARMIGERI,
CUJUS EXUVIAE, UNA CUM AVI
ET SORORIS WISEHEART, JUXTA
SITAE SUNT. NATUS EST VII. DIE
MAII 1646. PIETATE, PRUDENTIA
PROPRIETATO, COMITATE ET
MORUM SIMPLICITATE, CON-
SPICUUS, OBIIT, MARTIS V^O 1688.
MONUMENTUM HOC INGENTIS
DOLORIS PUBLICI PRESERTIM
SUI, EXIGUUM PRO MERITIS,**

**POSUIT FILIUM (*sic*) GILBERTUS
ECCLES ARMIGER XX^o DIE
DECEMBRI, ANN. DOM. 1707.”
“MEMENTO MORI.”**

“This tablet is raised to the memory of WILLIAM HENRY WOOD, Esq., Captain in the 10th or Prince of Wales’s Own Royal Hussars, and second son of Colonel and Lady Caroline Wood, of Littleton, in the County of Middlesex. He died universally beloved and lamented, on the 13th of September, 1834, aged 29, at Florence Court after a short and severe illness, during which he received from the Earl of Enniskillen the kindest care and most anxious attention.”

“His earthly remains are deposited by that most excellent nobleman in his family vault adjoining to this church.”

‘Some years after the date on this tablet the church was rebuilt, and the vault of the Cole family was placed beneath the new church.’

“Sacred to the memory of CHRISTOPHER STEWARD BETTY, Lieutenant, 35th Regiment, who died at Enniskillen, on the 6th day of August, 1838. This tablet has been erected as a tribute of esteem and respect by the officers of the 35 Regiment.”

“In memory of the late REV. WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, a native of Enniskillen, and for a period of eighteen years Curate of Cahry Church, Sligo. He was a sincere and devoted Christian, a faithful Minister of the Gospel, a warm friend, and exemplary in the discharge of every social duty. He died at Sligo on the 29th of March, 1840, of fever, caught in the discharge of his ministerial duties, aged 48 years.”

“Erected by PAUL DANE, of Killyhevlin, Esq., in memory of his father, RICHARD DANE, who departed this life on the 29th day of January, A.D. 1842, aged 72 years.”

“In memory of JAMES GUNNING, of the Ulster Bank, Belfast, who died in that town on the 26th August, 1871, in the twenty-first year of his age.”

“He was the fourth son of John Gunning, of Enniskillen, merchant, and had been connected with the bank for six years.”

“During that period he had endeared himself to all with whom he was associated, by the amiability of his disposition,

and the uprightness of his character, and had gained the respect and esteem of the directors and officers of the bank. This tablet has been erected by them in testimony of their high appreciation of his worth, and their sorrow for his early death."

"Be ye therefore ready also, for the Son of Man cometh in an hour ye think not."—Luke, 12 chapter, 40th verse.

General Cole's Honours are inscribed on a Brass Plate.

"This pillar is erected by his friends and fellow-countrymen, in memory of GENERAL THE HONBLE. SIR G. LOWRY COLE, Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath, Knight of the Portuguese Order of the Tower and Sword, and of the Turkish Order of the Crescent, Colonel of the 27th Inniskilling Regiment of Foot.

"General commanding the 4th Division of the British Army throughout the Peninsular War. Governor of Gravesend and Tilbury Fort. M.P. in the Irish House of Commons for the Borough of Enniskillen, from 1798 to 1800; and in the Imperial Parliament, for the County of Fermanagh from 1803 to 1823."

"He twice received the thanks of both Houses of Parliament for his distinguished military services."

"Born May 1st, 1772. Died October 4th, 1842. The statue is the contribution of the tenantry of the Enniskillen estates."

'Inscriptions upon tombstones in Enniskillen Churchyard and Cemetery.

'The following list contains those of earliest date:—

"HERE LIETH THE BODY OF RICHARD CROOK, WHO DEPARTED THE 3 DAY OF FEB., ANNO 1687. HIS AGE 56."

"HERE LYETH THE BODY OF ELIZABETH JONES, WHO DEPARTED THE 4 DAY OF MAY, 1714."

"HERE LYETH THE BODY OF JOHN CROZIER, WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE OCTOBER THE 24, IN THE 67 YEAR OF HIS AGE, 1717."

"HERE LYETH THE BODY OF MARY ROBERTS, WIFE TO WILLIAM ROBERTS, WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE, MARCH THE 19, ANO, 1720, AGED 64."

“HERE LYETH THE BODY OF JOHN BOYD, WHO
DEPARTED THIS LIFE, APRIL THE 22, 1724,
AGED 19 YEARS.”

“HERE LYETH THE BODY OF MAGRAT GALLOGLY,
ALIAS CALDWELL, WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE,
NOVEMBER 20TH, 1726, AGED 35.”

(The foregoing are cut in raised capital letters.)

“Here lieth ye body of STEPHEN PRICE, who departed this life,
Sept. ye 12th, 1733, aged 72 years.”

“Here lyeth interr'd the Body of the REV. MR. ANDREW
MITCHELL, late Rector of Enniskillen, who departed this life
the 8th day of Jany., 1742, in the 81st year of his age.”

(These last two have sunken letters and not all capitals.)

“Here lieth the Body of the REV. GUSTAVUS ARMSTRONG, who
departed this life, March the 25th, A.D. 1832, aged 74 years.”

“He was for more than forty years a useful Preacher of the
Gospel.”

“They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament,
and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for
ever and ever.”—Daniel xii. 3.

“Sacred to the memory of the REV'D. CHARLES LUCAS BELL,
who departed this life, 1st July, 1799, aged 48 years.”

“Οἱ ολιγοὶ τῶν αὐθρωπῶν κατὰ τὸν ἡμετέρον αἰώνα τοσαυτῇ παιδεῖα
κατακεκοσμημένοι ησαν.”

“Also, MARGARET BELL, his wife, departed this life, 6th Decr.,
1817, aged 60 years.”

“Οττοτο ! ! τὴν ειμαρμενὴν πορειαν πεπορευναί “ηπαν όλιγας
τὰς ἀρετὰς αυτῆς παντδίας επὶ τῆς γῆς ζηλωσαι καταλελοιπε.”

“Mrs. MARY DENHAM, wife of the REV. J. DENHAM, died the
24 March, 1793.

Alas ! she possessed great worth !
O, Quam molliter ossa quiescant.”

‘On a stone, cut in the shape of a coffin, are the words’ :—

“To commemorate the remains of FRANCES PENELOPE BEAKE,
who died, March 25th, 1812, aged 20. And also on the
following day her infant daughter. Finis.”

" On a cradle-formed sarcophagus (of Portland stone), near the street, is inscribed on one side' :—

" Here lieth the Body of MARIANNE EMILY BROOKE, who died in infancy at Castlecoole, January 17, 1815."

' On the opposite side are the lines' :—

" Death viewed the treasure to the desert given,
Plucked the fair flower, and planted it in Heaven."

" MARIA BLAND.

This lovely bud, so young and fair,
Call'd hence by early doom,
First came to show how sweet a flower
In Paradise would bloom.

Died November 7th, 1823, aged 16 months."

" Sacred to the memory of FRANCES JANE, eldest daughter of LIDDLE and ELIZA BAXTER, who departed this life, January the 5th, 1835, aged 21 years."

" She hath come up and is cut down like a flower.
But her hope in God shall not be disappointed."
" Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

" Erected to the memory of ROBERT CRAWFORD, ESQRE., Att'y., by his father, Robert Crawford, of this town, as a tribute of affection due to his virtues, and the many amiable qualities he possessed as a son and brother, who departed this life, May 25th, 1818, aged 22 years."

" In sure and certain hope of a resurrection to Eternal Life, through the Mercy of God, through Jesus Christ, rests the mortal part of ELIZABETH COPLAND, daughter of the late Mr. WILLIAM HARPER, of Drumlaney, in the County of Cavan, who died at Lucan, the 9th day of January, 1828, in the 37th year of her age."

" She opened her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue was the law of kindness." [Proverbs xxxi. 26.]

" Erected to the memory of JAMES CAUTHERS of Waterinney, who departed this life, April 11th, 1845, aged 60 years." Also MARGARET, his wife, who died, December 27th, 1854, aged 70 years."

" Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

" Erected by their son, James Cauthers, of New York, America."

"Erected by MARY CROOKE, in memory of her beloved husband, THOMAS CROOKE, who departed this life, August 21st, 1858, aged 42 years."

'His favourite motto was, "A sinner saved by grace."

"The memory of the just is blessed." Prov. 10th and 7th.

Also, in memory of the above MARY CROOKE, who departed this life December 18th, 1870, aged 40 years.

And also, ELIZABETH CROOKE, fifth daughter, who departed this life, 10th April, 1869, aged 13 years.

"God is love."

"Erected to the memory of HENRY EDMONSON, of Enniskillen, who departed this life, Febry. 23rd, 1830, aged 58 years."

"I know that my Redeemer liveth."

'In this identic body, I with eyes of flesh refined, restored, shall see that self same Saviour nigh, see for myself my smiling Lord.'

'Erected by his daughter, Letitia Cauthers, New York, America.'

"Sacred to the memory of MARGARET, fourth daughter of WILLIAM and CATHERINE GORDON, who departed this life, 18th October, 1870, aged 16 years."

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

"Sacred to the memory of HENRY ECHLIN, son of Daniel Moore Echlin, of Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin. Died December 16th, 1862, aged 64 years."

"There remaineth a rest for the people of God."

Also to the memory of CHARLES HENRY ECHLIN, son of the Rev. Charles Moore Echlin, Vicar of Killinagh, Co. Cavan, and grandson of the above Daniel Moore Echlin. Died 15th September, 1870, aged 33 years."

"God is love."

"Here lieth the Body of MR. LUTT^{LL}. HUDSON, who departed this life, Jany. the 17th, 1781, aged 81 years.

"In him Society lost a member of unblemished character, The Poor a certain Refuge in Distress."

"Also, the Body of SIR WALTER HUDSON, Knt., one of the Burgesses of the Corporation of Enniskillen, who died, October 16, 1802, aged 71 years."

"Sacred to the memory of ALIXANDER HUDSON, Esq., who departed this life on the 28th day of May, 1837, aged 58 years."

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Rev. xiv. 13.

Also, to the memory of FRANCES HUDSON, his wife, who departed this life on the 16th day of April, 1868, aged 74 years."

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Rev. xiv.

"Underneath are placed the remains of MARY, the beloved wife of REV. THOMAS JORDAN, and youngest daughter of Alexander Hudson, Esq., J.P., deeply regretted by all who knew her.

"She died in the full assurance of hope, on the 26th April, 1860, aged 26 years."

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

"Here lieth the body of ELIZABETH KELLY, alias QUEADE, who departed this life, November the 24th, 1824, aged 44 years."

"This stone was erected by her husband, John Kelly, of Ennis-killen, as he deemed it to be the last act of gratitude and affection which he could pay to the memory, abilities, and virtues of his beloved wife."

"ROBERT, son of JAMES KING, Esq., born August 8th, died November 26th, 1868."

"Of such is the kingdom of God."

"Erected by W. LIVINGSTON to the memory of his beloved wife, REBECCA, who fell asleep in Jesus, 12th January, 1871."

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Rev. xiv. 13.

"Sacred to the memory of JOSAPHINE, the beloved daughter of RICHARD and ELIZA JANE LOUCH, born 5th January, 1867, died 1st October, 1867."

"Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

"Sacred to the memory of MARTHA JANE, eldest daughter of MR. JOHN CARRENDUFF, and dearly beloved wife of Color-Sergeant Samuel Lockyer, 34th Regiment, who departed this life on the 8th August, 1875, aged 22 years."

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

"Underneath lie the remains of JOHN M'MULLEN, who died, February the 8th, 1810, aged 84 years."

"This monument was erected by his Nephew, William M'Mullen, as a Tribute of Gratitude and Esteem to his uncle's memory and virtues."

"Also, The remains of his Wife, ANNE M'MULLEN, who died February the 8th, 1829, aged 88 years."

"And if to all her worth were known,
That worth would never find a tomb."

"Underneath lies the body of the REV. THOMAS NESBITT, Wesleyan Minister, who departed this life in the full triumph of a living faith, June 13th, 1832, aged 23 years.

His favourite motto was, 'A sinner saved by grace.'

Also, of his Father, the REV. JOHN NESBITT, Wesleyan Minister, who departed this life, January 18th, 1858, aged 82 years.

And near this spot repose the remains of his mother, MARGARET NESBITT, who fell asleep in Jesus, May 9th, 1861, aged 75 years."

"The memory of the just is blessed." *

(To be continued.)

COUNTIES OF FERMANAGH AND DONEGAL.

Parish of Templecarne.

LIST OF INCUMBENTS.

Taken from Books of the First Fruits' Office.

'Vic. Ecclie. paro. de Templecarney unit. ad Ennis macshane GULIELMUS WATSON,—curatus ibm. JONES GARRYOCH compt. etext. elicus-paro. JONES ANDREWS. vacat. Guardi Tho. STEEVEN excusat et ANDREAS WOODS compt.

'SAMUEL LINDSEY R. and V. of Templecarn, 6 Aug. 1746, £6 13s. 4d.

'PHILIP SKELTON, D. and V. of Templecarn, 27 June, 1750, £6 13s. 4d. Engl.

'WILLIAM TISDALL, collated 14th December, 1775, R. Templecarne, V. Templecarne, Donegal, £6 13s. 4d.

'ANDREW ALLEN, collated 4 June, 1791, R. and V. Carne otherwise Templecarne, Donegal and Fermanagh, £6 13s. 4d.

'THOMAS WALLACE, A.M., collated 24 March, 1794, R. and V. Carne, otherwise Templecarne, Donegal, £6 13s. 4d.

'JOHN LELIE, collated April 16, 1807.

'ARTHUR HYDE, presented ad interim, but not inducted.

'RICHARD BABINGTON, collated 28 April, 1808.'

[W. S. Mason.]

* The above are from Canon W. H. Bradshaw's book, "Enniskillen Long Ago."

C O U N T Y G A L W A Y .

Athenry Parish.

Seward says this was formerly called Aterith, and more anciently Bealatha, *i.e.*, "The Place of Beal on the Waters." "Here was a Dominican friary which, with other buildings, was consumed by fire in 1432. Also a Franciscan friary was founded here 1464 by Thomas Earl of Kildare."

(From Lord Walter FitzGerald.)

'The ruins of the abbey in Athenry are very fine, and the walls are still very perfect. Many of the windows although built up show rich tracery. The burial-ground round is badly kept, and the interior of the abbey walls is in a disgraceful state. Even the modern monument of the Clanricarde family is falling to pieces, and its state speaks badly of the present head of the family.'

From among many monuments and tombstones of great interest, the following inscriptions are taken:—

¶ ☈

"PRAY FOR TH | SOVLE OF PT* |
 OLIVER - BRO | WNE - OF - CVL |
 ARAN - AND - IVLIAN - LYN |
 CH - HIS - WIFE - WHO - EREC |
 TED - THIS - MONVMENT - FOR |
 THEM - AND - THEIR - POSTE |
 RITY - ANO - DNI - 1686. |"

'The coat-of-arms is elaborately carved, and is surrounded with heraldic foliage; above it is a helmet, and above that again the Browne crest—a double eagle head joined together low in the neck; the scroll has no motto. The lettering is in relief; this monument is a tablet in the wall.'

'The next inscription is incised on a small tablet in the wall. The cross and I.H.S. are in relief:—

“IHS Pray for ye | Soul of | RANDIEL
 M'DONELL | Who D^d y^s life 1784 | Aged
 84 years.”

* These two letters are much defaced, but still legible.

' Close to the Clanricarde monument is a flat tombstone, with the following inscription in relief:—

" HERE : LYES : BRIDGID | AND :
 MARY : BERMING | HAM :
 DAUGHTERS : TO | EDWARD :
 LORD : BARON : OF : ATHANRY :
 AND | THE : LADY : MARY : BVRK |
 HIS : WIFE : THEY : DYED | IN :
 THEIR : INFANCY : IN | 1676 AND
 1677."

' The inscription on the tombstone which is given below is cut in relief, but the two weapons in the middle are incised. These weapons occur on several other slabs; this one lies flat on the ground'*:—

" PRAY FOR THE SOVLES OF
 HVCH | HIGGEN AND | NOVLLE
 CONENN HIS WIFE | AND HIS
 SON | THOAS (*sic*) ^M HIGENN AND
 DONELL | HIGENN AND | THEIR
 POSTERTY (*sic*) 1684."

" HEERE LYES - THE | BODY -
 OF - SIR | IOHN - BVRKE | OF -
 DERRIMACK | LA-GNIE | KNIT
 DECEASED - IN - THE | 36 YEEARE -
 OF - HIS AGE | 1666 - THIS - TOMB -
 WAS - ER | RECTED - FOR - HIM -
 AND | HIS - POSTERITIE - BY -

* The two weapons (?) here referred to resemble a "bill-hook" and a small acute-angled triangular figure within another similar one.

HIS | WIDOW - THE - LADIE - MAR |
 Y - BVRKE - NOW - BARRONESS |
 OF - ATHENRY - IN - 1683."

'This monument is also a wall tablet, and the lettering in relief; the scroll has no motto.

'The Lady Mary Burke mentioned here, was the eldest daughter of Richard 6th Earl of Clanricarde; she married 1st, Sir John Burke, of Derrymaclogkny or Derrymacloghtny, Co. Galway; and 2ndly, Edward Birmingham, 20th Baron of Athenry, by whom she had two daughters—Bridget and Mary. The Burke arms are:—Or, a cross, gu; in the dexter canton, a lion rampant, sa. These are at the head of this stone.'

'In the above inscriptions several of the letters are conjoined.'

Grose, in writing of Athenry Abbey, says:—

'The cemetery of this monastery was a great place of interment; in it were laid the DE BURGHS, McDAVOCS, O'HEYNES, KILLIKELLIES, MOGHANS, BROWNES, LYNCHES, COLMANS, and DALIES.'

It is to be hoped that the state of this burial-ground, as here reported by Lord Walter Fitzgerald, may come under the notice of those who bury there or are interested in it, and that a better report may be received of it next year.—ED.

Clonfert* Cathedral.

'The bishoprick was founded A.D. 571. An abbey was founded here in A.D. 558 by St. Brendan; he is said to have had under his guardianship 3,000 monks !

'He died on the 16th of May, A.D. 577, aged 93. He was buried at Clonfert.

'This cathedral was said to have had seven altars.

'The Norman Gothic west doorway is the chief object of attraction in this cathedral. By some the date is given as 1154; others give the date as 1270, in the time of John, Bp. of the diocese.

'This See was united to Kilmacdeugh in the year 1602.

'The Danes (as usual) get credit for having destroyed Clonfert on several different occasions.

* "The Den of Retirement." It is said that formerly no female was permitted to enter this abbey.—ED.

'The early records appear to contain little else than accounts of the pillage and destruction by fire and sword of this religious establishment and town.'

A list of the bishops of Clonfert from A.D. 571 to A.D. 1834 is forthcoming.

Mathew MacRaik, Bishop, died in 1507.

'The inscription in Latin over the west door of Clontuskert Abbey, may refer to this man. [See page 372.]

The Arms of Bishop Wolley [1664] are painted on the chimney piece of the Palace of Clonfert, and still preserved, with the motto :—

"PASCE OVES, 1664."

Christopher Butson, D.D., Dean of Waterford, was translated to this See in 1834.

COINS.

Coins of various dates have been found from time to time in the cathedral-yard and in a field adjoining, where a part of the ancient Abbey is still to be seen. The following is a list of some of these coins :—

- 2 James II., "1689. XXX. I. R. MAG. BR. FRA. ET HIB." Rex [November]. Copper.
- 2 James II., "1690. XXX. I. R. MAG. BR. FRA. ET HIB." Rex [July]. Copper.
- 3 James II., "1689. XII. MAG. BR. FRA. ET HIB." Rex [October]. Copper.
- 1 James II., VI., 1689 do. do. do. [July]. Copper.
- 1 William and Mary. Irish harps. "1697."
- 1 James II. on horseback. "1690."
- 1 Henry VIII. Silver.
- 2 of Elizabeth. Silver. 1568.
- 1 „ Mary. do. PHILIP ET MARIE D.G. 1556.
- 1 Irish harp. P. M. (Date obliterated.)
- 2 small coins with mitres, "1676. THOMAS BUTLER." "I. B." 1. Croziers united.
- 1 "1656. CHRISTOPHER TRENCH D.I. LOUGHREA."
- 1 "1681. Irish harp. Charles II. Crown.
- 1 "1D. T. W. C. MERCHANT OF _____ 1668. THOMAS."
- 1 S.S. ATHLONE. "SMITH."
- 3 small coins. Silver. Dates obliterated. Upon one is the fleur-de-lys. Each 1d.

- 1 small brass coin, "ATHLONE MERCHANT," having on one side a hare and bird.
 1 silver. VII. II. U.V.S., on one side a face.
 1 brass coin. Cross., HANS. S. C. on one side., and on the other VON COI GLICK. 6 crowns.
 1 "FLOOD." Silver. Date obliterated.

The above were in the possession of the late Very Rev. Dean Butson, at Clonfert.

For an account of St. Brendan, see "Britannia Sancta," or Lives of the British Saints, published in 1745.

THE BELLS.

In the year 1678, Dr. Edward Wolley, Bishop of Clonfert and Kilmacdeugh, had the great cathedral bell re-cast, on which he caused to be placed the episcopal arms pompously quartered with a spread eagle fancifully adorned with the heads of chubby-cheeked cherubs, and the following distich :—

**"FRACTA DIU SILUI : RESONO CAMPANO
 REFUSA MUTA PRIUS DEDICI JAM
 RESONANDO LOQUI OPE ET OPERE
 EDWARDI WOOLLEY DD EPISCOPO
 CLONFERTIS ET DUAEF ANNO DOMINI
 1678. PROBASTI ME."**

The above has received the following translation :—

"I Tom Bell while broken hung,
 Long without the use of tongue,
 But have found my voice at last,
 By my learned Lord re-cast,
 And resound my former song
 Dingle, dingle, dingle dong."

The following is perhaps more literal :—

- (1) "When broken I was a long time silent ; re-cast, I peal forth music as a bell."
- (2) "Formerly dumb, now by pealing I have learned to speak."
 "At the charge and labour of Edward Woolley, D.D., Bishop of Clonfert and Kilmaeduah, in the year of our Lord 1678."
 "Thou hast tried me."—"Probably Bishop Woolley's motto."

The following inscription is copied from a stone now in the vaulted chamber of this cathedral ; it was, I believe, at one time within the cathedral proper :—

“ HIC JACET CVJVS VIRTVTIBVS MVNDVS | INDIGNVS
 FVIT . ANNA DESMYNIER | ES CONJVX . CHARA |
 CAROLI RINIRY FILIA | LVDOVICI DESMYNIER | ES .
 OLIM CIVITATIS DVBLINI . PRÆTORIS QVE |
 VLTIMA DIE XBRIS AN | NO 1702 . MORTALITA . |
 TEM . PRO IMMORTALIT | ATE MVTAVIT.”

The above are all *raised* letters, blanks are left after the words CHARA and QVE. The last two words are written lengthways along the edge of the stone.

“ Here lies the body of ANNA DESMYNIERES, the beloved wife of CHARLES RINIRY, of whose virtues this world was unworthy. She was the daughter of LOUIS DESMYNIERES, formerly Lord Mayor of Dublin City. On the last day of December, 1702, she changed her mortal for an immortal state.”

In the same chamber, leaning against the wall, is a stone with the following in raised letters :—

“ HERE LYETH THE BODY OF | BRIDGET SHIRLY
 WIFE OF | THE REVEREND JOHN SHIRLY |
 DAUGHTER OF CO | LLONELL JOHN NELSONN |
 AND MARTHA BOYLE N | OW LADY DEANE SHE |
 DIED ATT CLONFERT ON | CHRISTMAS DAY | 1698.”

The stone is about 6 feet long by 3 feet 6 inches wide. I am informed that a number of monumental inscriptions are covered by the present boarded floor of the cathedral.

The inside of this old building sadly requires renovation, coupled with good taste, which latter, to judge by its present state, appears to have been far distant from the minds of those who planned and carried out the existing work.

On the left of the entrance, by the only door now in use, that in the west gable, is an octagonal font of limestone with

carved edges, and resting on a fluted shaft, all in good preservation. The diameter of the font is about 3 feet; it slopes to a point inside.

Within the church are two early memorials in the floor.

That to the left has the following inscription in raised letters in excellent preservation :—

“**HIC . IACET . | D̄NS . IOES . ET .**
RICHARD° . CALLANANO . PHICI
QVI | HVNC . TVM | VLV . FIERIE
FECERVT . ET . IOKS [?] OBIIT .
13 . MAR . 1612 .”

A cross runs the entire length of the stone; above the cross-arms of it are the letters,

 **IHS. and MARIA.**

On the right as you enter is the other slab, also bearing a cross down its centre, with a three-legged base. The inscription, which is in raised letters, is as follows :—

“**HIC IACET . | DIVS . ROGERS .**
HORAN . PREOP | VQ . SVE MA |
TIO\$. HVC . TVMVLV . SIBI . AC .
POSETEREIS | SVIS . FECIT . FIERI .
ANO . DOM . 1610 .”

This stone is 6 feet in length and 2 feet 2 inches in width at the head, and 2 feet at the base.

There is a memorial window to Lord RIVERSDALE, late bishop of this diocese, who died in 1861; also one to the TRENCH family, and a monument to the same; and several memorials to the BUTSONS, one of whom, Christopher, was

bishop of the diocese in 1804, and died in March, 1836. His son, the present Dean of Kilmacduagh, the Very Rev. Christopher H. G. Butson, lives at St. Brendan's, close to the cathedral. Since this was written, I regret to have to record his death.

There is a mural monument to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of ROBT. and SARAH SEYMOUR, of Clonfert, who was born on 28th June, 1793, departed this life March 27th, 1816, &c.

In a field called THE NUNS FIELD, adjoining the road, and close to the cathedral is a coffin-shaped stone with a strangely ornamented device on it, forming a cross with a flowery head.

The indistinct remains of letters (about twenty in number) are to be traced on the stone, but neither by a rubbing which I took, nor by any other means was I able to decipher them; some of the letters are near the edge of the stone, and others near the shank of the cross.

Clentuskert or Clenthuskert.

The remains of a fine abbey are still to be seen here, founded, Seward says, by *Boadan*, "who died about 809."

There is also an abbey of this name in the County Roscommon, founded by St. Faithlec.

The west gable of the above abbey in the County Galway, as well as the side walls, are nearly perfect. There are a number of tombstones both inside and outside the ruin, but the most remarkable thing about this old place is the fine inscription in Gothic letters over the western doorway; it is about 20 feet above the ground, and, thanks to this circumstance, has escaped the destruction of the vandals who have destroyed so many fine memorials of Ireland's past history throughout the length and breadth of the land. The inscription is in one line, except the date, which is in a second line, and immediately under the first words of the upper line. The workmanship bespeaks much skill and artistic taste in the person who executed the work. The letters are what is called Lombardic or Gothic, and are about 3 inches in height.

Mathew by gratia dei episcopus clonfertensis anno domini millesimo rccvº lxxvº.

*Mathewus viri gratia episcopus clonfertensis & patrirus o'neadavay canonicus
istius domus me fecerunt anno domini millesimo rccvº lxxvº.*

The annexed drawing, from a rubbing I took last year, is a faithful representation of this very fine and perfect inscription, dating back over 400 years !

From J. R. Garstin, Esq., I have received the following notes of this inscription :—

“ Mathew by the grace of God
Bishop of Clonfert and
Patrick O’Neadaivay, a
Canon of this house had
me made, A.D 1471.”

‘ The name [after Patrick], which is the only difficulty, may be O’Neadaivay, it is probably now represented by McNaughton.’

Mr. Garstin adds :—

‘ The inscription is of special interest historically, as it proves—unless two Mathews held the bishopric in succession—that Matthew M’Craith,* who, Ware says, appears as Bishop in 1482, held the See eleven years before. As he died in 1507 (being buried at Kilcolmain), his episcopate lasted about 36 years. It was probably two years longer at least, for the preceding Bishop, Cornelius, assisted in Rome at the consecration of one Thady as Bishop of Down on the 10th of Sept., 1469, being then described as “ olim Clonfertensis, nunc autem in universali ecclesia Episcopus” [Brady, Episc. Succ. Ronne, 1876, I, xxiii.], from which expression it may be presumed that he had previously resigned Clonfert.’

* Macraith was succeeded in 1507 by David de Burgo.

St. Nicholas' Church, Town of Galway.

BELLS—6 in number.

‘Nos. 1 and 6 were cast in 1684 by the celebrated founder Tobias Covey.’

‘Nos. 2 and 3 date from 1726, and were also cast by the same man.’

‘No. 4 appears to be a French bell; it is dated 1631, but nothing is known of its history, or how it came to its present position in the belfry.’

‘No. 5 is the oldest—date, 1590—“which rang a sharper tone under Queen Elizabeth 300 years ago; it has since been tuned a bit flat, to make it suit the others.’

‘The tenor is a sharp F.’

[*I. E. Gazette*, June 12, 1891.]

“Mr. Henry S. Persse, J.P., has lately offered to add two new bells to the above, so as to form an octave, and to provide the necessary machinery, all at his own expense. It is stated that the present bells have not been rung for years, as “it was feared that their vibration and swinging would not be sustained by the present structure.”

“It has, however, been ascertained that the tower is capable of sustaining double the weight of the present bells.”

Kilconnell Abbey.

Founded for Franciscans by William O’Kelly, A.D. 1400.

The following inscriptions I have to thank the Rev. B. Irwin, rector of the parish of Kilconnell, for having kindly placed at my disposal, through the Hon. L. G. Dillon. They are copied with some exceedingly well executed etchings by the Rev. J. Duncan, with views of the abbey, and copies of crests and arms, which I regret the funds at my disposal do not enable me to give :—

No. 1—

“**ORATE . PRO . D . IOANNE .**
DONNELLANO : EIVSQVE .
FAMILIA . QVI . HANC . CRVCEM .
ERIGI . FECIT . 1682.”

‘This inscription is on a cross, with a base of three steps. It was re-erected in the year 1844, by the Rev. W. Manning, P.P.’

No. 2—Is a mural tablet at the S.E. end of the chancel.

I H S

“O Lord have mercy upon the souls | of that ancient [family ?]
the KELLYS of | KILTORMER whos Ancestors were | the first
Founders of this and | other Abbeys. W. K. □”

No. 3—‘Is a high tomb near the window in the south transept; the inscription runs round the edge of the stone’ :—

“ORATE PRO ANI [stone broken] . . . |
D . SIMONY . MORISHY . QVI .
ME . PROS . E . ET | SVA . FAMILIA .
SIBI CON | IVNCTA . ET . PER SE |
-ELICTA . ME . FIERI . FECIT .
AN . DO . 1678.”

No. 4—‘Is a stone level with the ground, and is in the same transept; the inscription is marginal’ :—

“ORATE . PRO . DNO . OM GVIFLE . [?]
SACERD | . . . DET[*]VNCTO . DIE
26 . APRIL . 74 . HANC |
SEPVLTRAM . | SIBI . SVISQVE .
PROCVRAVIT.”

No. 5—‘This stone is also on the ground in the same transept. The inscription runs round the edges and across the head in six lines’ :—

“HIC IACENT . DGE | ORETVR . D . D | E MKEIGE SAC |
ERDOS . FILIVS . GELATY . MEF | . . Y . FECIT . |
M . D. IOANES . FILIVS . EIUS . OCCISVS . AB |
HERETICIS . IN . | BELLO CATHOLICORVM . PRO .
QVORVM . REFRIGERO .”

‘There is a lozenge-shaped figure cut on this stone, divided into small lozenges by five transverse lines, vertical and horizontal.’

No. 6—"Is a mural tablet in the S.E. chapel :—

"HIC IACET . D . IACOB . DONELAN . | S : T : ACI :
CAN : DOCTOR . OBIT . | 29 . 8 BRIS . 1701 . IN
CUIUS . MEMO | RIAM . HOC . MONUMENTUM .
ER | ECTUM . FUIT . AB . ILLUSTRISIMO | DO .
DO . MAURITIO . DONEL | AN . E . CLUNE . AN . D^o .
1705 . PRO . | SUO . ETIAM . MONUMENTO."

'On a flat stone near the last is' :—

*
I. H. S.

No. 7—"In memory of STEPHAN JOSEPH DONELAN, [of] Killagh,
Born March 1789. Died Septr. 1866, whose remains lie
buried beneath this stone, with his forefathers."

" May they rest in peace."

'On an upright stone at the side of the entrance to the Donelan
Chapel' :—

No. 8—"PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF MATHEW HORE GH....
..... AND OF MABEL"
.....

"On a flat stone in this chapel is' :—

*
I. H. S.

No. 9—"PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF MATHEW . HORE ESQ
WHO DEPARTTD THIS LIFE THE 26 OF SEPTEMBER
1744, AND IN THE 66 YEAR OF HIS AGE."

No. 10—"On a flat stone at the north-east of the south aisle is a large
cross, extending the full length of the stone, but apparently no inscription."

'On an upright stone under the arch in the south transept' :—

No. 11—"PRAY FOR THE SOVLS OF HVGH COEN AND HIS
WIFE MARY MULKERA[N?] AND THEIR POSTERITY."

'On an upright stone in the same transept' :—

No. 12—"THIS MON^T Erected by WILLIAM WHYTE for him & Posterity."

'Slab near the west end of the south aisle':—



No. 13—"Pray for y^e soul of ELIZth BURKE Alias SEYMOUR who
D. D. y^e 4th Feby 1774. this Monum^t was Erect^d by John
Burk For him & his Posterity."

'Slab in the wall of the south transept':—

No. 14—"PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF MICH WHYTE
& SEBELL HIS WIFE WHO DIED th4 OF JULY
1777. THIS WAS ERECTET BY THOMAS WHITE."

1788.



No. 15—Pray for the soul of FRANCIS EAGAN alias MOORE who
Died y^e 9th of July 1772."

'On an upright slab within rails, in the north aisle':—

No. 16—"VINCAM VEL MORIAR."

Crest—"A cubit arm grasping a spear."

"HERE REST THE REMAINS OF THE STANFORDS OF
BALINDERRY & B GLASS. THIS ENCLOSURE WAS
ERECTED BY THE ONLY SURVIVING MEMBER,
CAPTAIN FRANCIS STANFORD, 1849."



'Under these letters an animal like a greyhound is represented running past a tree, and beneath this the following inscription':—

No. 17—"Lord have mercy on the soul of PETER DALY Esq of
Cloncla [?] Departed this life 1 July 1840 to whose
memory this was erected by his wife FANNY I. DALY."

'On an upright stone in the nave':—

No. 18—"Pray for the soul of WILLIAM HAGARTY who D D.
April 28 1780 Erect^d by T. H."

Under this inscription a smith's hammer and tongs are represented.

'At the west end of the south aisle':—

No. 19—"To the memory of JOHN CALLANAN, who departed this life on the 25th of March 1874, aged 52 years.
May God have mercy on his soul. Amen."

[Kilroy Gort.]

I. H. S.

No. 20—"Lord have mercy on MARK LYNCH who Dep^d life Feb^y
1802, Age^d 70 y^{rs}. Erect^d by his son John for him & poster^y."

'On an upright stone in the nave':—

I.H.S. with a vase on either side, and underneath'—

No. 21—"O Lord have mercy on the soul of JAMES BYRNS, who died in Aug^t 2, 1842, aged 60 years, also his sister CATHERINE who died April 7, 1849, aged 66 years. This monument erect^d by their Nephew Thos. Gounings."

"Mural tablet near the entrance to the nave":—

No. 22—"Erected by MARY GLYN, in memory of her parents,
JOHN GLYNN, who died Novr. 1863, aged 63 years, and his wife LUCY, died Augt. 1878, aged 58 years. Also her sister HONORIA GLYNN, died Jany. 1878, & MARGARET, died Jany. 1885. May they rest in peace."

'The next inscription is on a mural slab at the west end of the south aisle, under John Callanan's':—

No. 23—"Pray for the soul of Mrs. JOHN CALLANAN alias MARY HANNEGAN, who departed this life 14th September, 1856, aged 47 years."

"May she rest in peace. Amen."

'On an upright stone':—

I. H. S.

"OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF WALTER O'NEILL WHO DIED 30TH MAY 1867 AGED 72 YEARS,
ALSO HIS WIFE EL^R CATHERINE O'NEILL, WHO DIED 13 OF MARCH 1869 AGED 65 YEARS."

"THIS MEMORIAL WAS ERECTED BY THEIR BELOVED DAUGHTER CATHERINE O'NEILL. R.I.P."

I. H. S.

No. 25—"O Lord have mercy on the soul of MICHAEL LOUGHLIN, who depd. this Life May the 23rd, 1855, Aged 36 years. Also his brother JOHN LOUGHLIN, who died March 25th, 1876, aged 70 years."

'At the south side of the north transept':—

" I.N.R.I. "	I.N.R.I.
No 26— I.H.S. THIS MONUMENT	I.H.S.
WAS ERECTED BY JAMES BURKE IN MEMORY OF HIS WIFE SABINA WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE JULY 6 1805."	

I. H. S.

No. 27—"O Lord have mercy on the soul of JAMES SMYTH, who departed this Life April 31st (*sic*), 1855, aged 52 years. This stone was erected by his beloved wife Margaret."

'The next is on a flat slab under the arch between the choir and the south transept':—

I. N. R. I.	I. H. S.
No. 28—"O Lord have mercy on the soul of PATRICK O'CONNOR, who depd. this life on the 1st Jany., 1833, aged 56 years. This monut. was erected by his beloved daughter Bridget."	

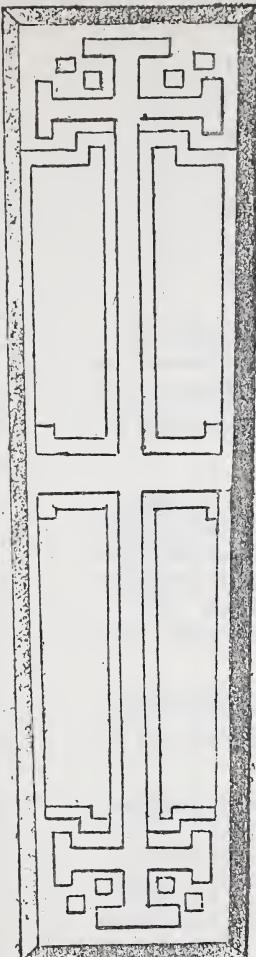
'The following is on a monument in the north end of the south transept':—

No. 29—"O LORD HAVE MERCY ON THE SOUL OF THOMAS MOORE OF BALLINDERRY, WHO DIED 22 SEPTEMBER, 1889, AGED 77 YEARS. ALSO HIS BROTHER MATHEW MOORE, WHO DIED 3RD MARCH, 1878, AGED 57 YEARS. AND HIS SISTER BRIDGET MOORE, WHO DIED 24 DECEMBER, 1877, AGED 59 YEARS. R.I.P."

'On an upright stone in the chancel, at side of the door':—

No. 30—"This stone was ere[broken]d by LEWIS WARD, in memory of his wife CATHRIN WARD, alias DUFFI, who died y^e 10, 1750.[*] Pry for them & their posterity."

* The month appears to be omitted.



No. 31.

In the south transept there is a slab ornamented with the following handsomely-designed combination of crosses, but unfortunately without any name or date.

The edges of the stone are bevelled; it is 6 feet long, 14 inches wide at the foot, and 21 at the head.

I am not aware of any similar combination of crosses having been hitherto discovered in Ireland. Should any such have come under the notice of any of my readers, I shall be glad to receive particulars of it.

(To be continued.)

Lawrencetown.

The following inscription, connected with one of the great ruling families of the West, will be read with interest. It has been rescued from destruction by the Rev. Charles Lawrence, of Lisreaghan, County Galway, in whose possession it now is :—

“ HEC | TVRRIS | FACTA | FVIT | INDVSTR
 IA. | IOANNIS | MECOCHLAIN | MILIT
 IS | SVE | NACIONIS | CAPITANEI | EXPE
 NIS | VERRO | SABINE | INIDALAC
 IN | HOC | PACTO | QVOD | IPSA HA
 BERET | IN | VITA | SVA | AC | DEINDE
 SVI | FILII | SECVNDVM | ORDINEM
 ETATIS | CVM | SVA | ETCIAM.”

The right-hand side is broken off, and several of the words are consequently imperfect ; but the missing letters have been kindly supplied to me by the Rev. Denis Murphy, S.J., with the following translation and note :—

TRANSLATION.

“ This tower [castle] was made by the industry of John Mac Cochlain, Knight, chief of his tribe, and at the cost of Sabina O'DALY on these terms, that she should have it during her life, and then her sons, according to the order of their age [birth] with her' ?

“ “ NI ” is used before names of women, as O and Mac is before those of men. It is a contraction for daughter.”

[See Fos Poems, p. 13.]

MacCochlain's Castle was situated in the King's County, on the east side of the Shannon, near Banagher.

Meelick Abbey.

Of this abbey Seward says, “ the monastery was founded by O'Madden, dynast of *Silanchia*, for conventional Franciscans. It was granted to Sir John King, who assigned it to the Earl of Clanricarde.”

There is another place of this name in the County Clare, barony of Bunratty, near the ancient seat of the Earls of Thomond—Bunratty Castle.

Outside the east end of the abbey, the present Roman Catholic Chapel of Meelic, formerly the Franciscan Monastery, close by the waters of the Shannon, is a stone about 2 feet by 5 feet closing a vault, with the following inscription to the

O'Moores of Cloghan Castle, King's County, and Barle. and Breea, and Moorhen in County Mayo :—

**"HIC JACET DOMINUS JOANNES MORUS MILES
PROAVUS MEUS, QUI OBIJT MENSE MAIJ 1631
ETIAM HIC JACET D. MARGARETA MORE,
ALS DE BURGO, UXOR MEA QUÆ MORTÆA
FUIT MENSE FEBRUARIJ ANNO 1671, FILIA RI
-CARDI COMITIS DE CLANRICARD, EN QUO
RUM MEMORIAM EGO GERARDUS MORUS,
COLLONELLUS IN EXERCITU REGALI ET FI
DELIS USQUE AD FINEM FIERI FECI HOC MON
UMENTUM INQUO ALII EX MEA FAMILIA . . ."**

[Not complete.]

"Here lies Sir John More, Knight, my great grandfather, who died in the month of May, 1631. Here too lies the Lady Margaret More alias de Burgo, my wife, who died in the month of February, 1671, the Daughter of Richard, Earl of Clanricard, in memory of whom I Gerard More, Colonel in the royal army and faithful to the end, caused this monument to be made in which others of my family"

The Martins of Eyrecount and Lismore have a vault here ; the entrance is outside the east gable.

"This monument was erected by | PATRICK MARTIN, Esq., of Lismore, | to the memory of his beloved son | THOMAS MARTIN, | who departed this life in Dublin in the | 7 (?) of September, Anno Domini 1815, | in the 25 year of his age. | O Lord have mercy on his soul."

Carvings of angels and of the sun, moon and stars, and a crest are on this stone.

The crest is a six-pointed star.

In the sacristy—

1645.

**"ORATE PRO PRÆCALARO |
DOMINO | MALIACHIA FILIO J^o
MADDIN, | & D | MARGARETA
CROMPTON, | CON IVGIBVS,
QVI ME | EREXERVNT.**

1645."

This inscription is on a circular block of limestone with octagonal ends ; it is 16 inches in height by 13 in diameter. There is a square mortice-hole in each end, as if the stone formed a portion of a shaft of a cross ; it is in perfect preservation, having been lately rescued by the Rev. L. Lawrence, of Lisreaghan, from the use it was put to, viz., to keep the chapel door open, for which purpose it was rolled backwards and forwards constantly. It now stands in the sacristy.

“The Reverend JAMES O'DONNELL, | late P.P. of Eyrecourt, | and his sister CATHERINE, whose | remains are underneath, | departed | A.D. 1828.”

I. H. S.

“Hic jacet PATRICUS DILLON EX | Prosapia de Kilkenny West
Orundus parentibus et amicis | Nimirum Dolentibus Morte c' |
Praematura Aliephis (?) Die 6th | Jan^u 1788 Anno Etatis
Suæ 50 | ora Viator ut | lern.”
“Requiescat in Pace.”

This also is in the sacristy.

Inside the Abbey of Meeleek, on the south wall, are fixed several slabs. The first next the altar, in raised letters within a stone frame, is :—

“PRO FAMILIA MADDEN DE
LISMOR | D. FERCVSSIVS MADDEN
ME | SIBI, AC DILECTÆ CONIVCI .
D. | CATHARINÆ MADDEN, ALS |
DONNELLAN, AC POSTERISSV- |
IS, NECNON IN MEMORIAM
SEP- | VLTVRÆ MAIORVM, ERIGI
FE - | CIT DIE 14 IVNII 1671.”

This inscription is in perfect preservation.

Next it is a stone about 2 feet square, likewise within a frame :—

“F. LORENTIVS CALLANANVS
ME SIBI | DILECTÆ CONIVCI |
IOANÆ SHIELL, AC POSTERIS
SVIS . NEC NON IN MEMORIAM |
SEPVLTVRÆ MAIORVM | ERIGI
FECIT . 1645 :”

Next to it, also framed, is a slab 2 feet square :—

“D. PENELOPE DILLON. | ALS HORAN: HOC MON |
VMENTVM IN DILECT | I MARITI D: IOCOBI
DIL | LON 2: OCT: 1711 VITA F- | VNCTI SVIQVE,
AC POST | EROR- VM MEMORIAM E | RIGI: FECIT.
AN: DO: 1712.”

These are raised letters, all capitals.

“PRAY FOR THE SOULE OF WILLIAM | YELVERTON
WHO DYED THE 29 OF | MARCH 1714: & FOR
THE SOULE OF | ANN HIS WIFE WHO DYED THE
4 OF | DEC 1707: AND FOR THE SOULE OF I- |
OHN THIRE SON WHO DYED THE 3 OF | IVNE
1708 REQUESCAT IN PACE | THIS M | ONVMENT
WAS ERECTED BY THEIR SON: M | W. YELVERTON:
THIS DAY OF MAR 1727.”

These also are raised letters.

“PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF | NICHOLAS · SKERRET |
WHO DYED THE YEAR 1735, (broken) JANE |
FALLON HIS WIFE WHO D | YED THE YEAR 1747.
IAMES SKERRET THEIR SON WHO | DYED THE
YEAR 1735. IANE LENCH · HIS · WIFE | AND
THEIR POSTERITY.”

These are incised letters.

Further west is the following, in a frame :—

“PRAY FOR THE SOULS | OF
TEIGE SWYNY AND | HIS WIFE
SARAH HORAN | WHO ERAISED (*sic*)
THIS M | ONVMENT FOR THEIR
POSTERITY AN . 1673.”

“This monument was gie (?) to Patrick Horan and his
Posterity Anno Domini 18 . . . (?).”

“Patrick Buckley, died May 20, 1823, aged 70 years.”

In the corner adjoining the west end, in raised letters, is a
flag 2 ft. square and set in a frame of marble :—

“PRAY FOR THE SOUL | OF JOHN BEGLY WHO |
DIED MARCH THE 17 | 1778 AGED 60 YEARS |
AND HIS WIFE MAR | GRET HORAN ERECTED | BY
JOHN BEGLY | FOR HIM AND HIS POSTERITY 1818.”

On the north wall :—

“ I.H.S.

“ IN MEMORIAM SEPULT | URE · PARENTUM · SUO |
RUM ET POSTERORUM | ME · FIERI · CURAVIT ·
~~~~~ | GUILIELMUS · BRODER | HAC DIE · 11<sup>th</sup>  
DECEMBR · | ANNO · 1764 · REQUIES | CANT IN  
PACE AMEN.” [Raised letters.]

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“PRAY FOR THE SOULES OF |  
LAVGHLEN . MADDEN & HIS |  
WIFE ELLEN RELLY & BR | -YNE  
MADDEN & HIS WIFE R | : OSE  
KELLY OF BALLINCOILLY WHO  
RAISED THIS MON- | VMENT  
FOR THEMSELV | -ES & THEIR  
POSTERITY | : VI FEB 1686.



This stone is set in a frame like the others ; it is about two feet square.

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The next inscription is also within a stone frame :—

“... VLIELMVS HINDE (?) | ME SIBI DIL.. ECTÆ CO |  
NGVG | CATHARINÆ | MORRIS AC POSTERI | . . . IS |  
VEGNO . . . NI | . . . ORIAM SE . . . . . | IAIORVM  
. . . . . | ME . . .”

From the bad quality of the stone used in this monument, many of the words are defective as here shown.

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“To the memory of WILLIAM DALY, Esq., of . . . tully (?) and his wife ANNE DALY alias D'Arcy.

This monument is erected by their son-in-law Captain John Allman, 48 Regt., as a tribute of respect to their memory.”

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Over the door of the sanctuary :—



Many of the words in this inscription are quite gone, from the defective character of the stone.

The above are all inside the abbey.

The following inscriptions are to be found in the church-yard :—

“OWEN EGAN and MARY EGAN als MADDEN his wife, 1771.”



“D . THADDÆVS D . . . | Y DE  
KILLEVN Y SI | BI DOROTHEÆ  
HE | ARNE AC POSTER | IS SVIS  
HOC MON | VMENTUM ERIGI |  
FECIT DIE 13 IVLY | 1682.”

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“ HUGH LARCAN Sep. 17, 1744.”

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“ M. MURRAY, 1818.”

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“ Branagan 1719 (?), aged 61,” &c., &c., &c.

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• • • • • [Illegible] • • • • •

“ M (?) E FIERI FECERVNT P | RO SE ET (?)  
POSTERISSV | IS HVGO CVOLLAGH |  
AN ET IZABELLA MA | DDEN (?) UXOR  
EIVS | DIE XX MENSIS | MAY 1675.

This stone is broken, and the upper half gone. It is on the south side of the chapel, close to the wall.

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“ Dennis Killeen, aged 69 ; also several other Killeens.”

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“ THOMAS DOLAN and others, 1774.”  
An upright stone half buried in ground.

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WILLIAM CALLANAN who died the year 1721, aged 71, and several others of this name, are on an upright slab in the “ Horan Chapel.”

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The following notes are taken from a copy of the Obituary of Meelick Abbey in the possession of the Rev. Chas. Lawrence, of Lisreaghan, Co. Galway. The original (?) I have seen in the Franciscan Monastery on Merchants'-quay, in Dublin :—



## MEELICK ABBEY.

**"MARTIVS HABET DIES XXXI."**  
**"OBIJT RICHARDUS CALLANAN**  
**IN SIGNIS MEDICUS STRIPIS**  
**WADINGORUM SEPULTUS CUM**  
**SUA UXORE A' DEXTRA PARTE**  
**CHORI REQUIEM HABEAT**  
**SEMPITERNAM 1631.**

" March 2nd. Richard Callanan, a distinguished doctor of the family of Wadingorum, died and is buried with his wife on the right [hand] side of the choir.

" May he have everlasting peace."

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**"MARTIUS 6.**  
**MORGANUS MADDIN IN SIGNIS**  
**GENEROSUS OBIJT 1636."**  
**"REQUIESCAT IN PACE."**

" Mar. 6. Morgan Maddin, distinguished, generous, died 1636.  
 " May he rest in peace."

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**"JANUARIUS 20.**  
**OBIIT REVERENDUS DOM<sup>S</sup> PATER**  
**CAROLUS MADDIN VICARIUS DE**  
**KILLIMOR SEPULTUS ERAT IN**  
**SACRISTIA CONVENTUO NOSTRI**  
**DE MEELICK 1667.**  
**"REQUIESCAT IN PACE."**

" January 20.  
 Died, the Reverend Father Charles Maddin, Curate of Killimor.  
 He was interred in the sacristy of our Convent of Meelick, 1667.  
 " May he rest in peace."



“MALACHIAS CUOLAGHAN FILIUS  
HUGONIS CUOLAGHAN ET  
ISABELLAE MADDIN AGENS  
VIGESSIMUM AETATIS ANNUM,  
SUS-CEPIT HABITUM PROBA-  
TIONIS, PRAEMISSIS PRAEMIT-  
TENDIS IN HOC CONVENTU DE  
MEELICK PRO CLERICO PRAE-  
FATUS FRATER MALACHIAS  
PROFESSUS EST IN NOSTRO  
CONVENTU DE MEELICK DIE  
21 JANUARII 1683, ET, MUTATO  
NOMINE, FRANCISCUS VOCATUS  
EST ITA A(THESTOR).”

FR. BON<sup>RA</sup> KELLY GUARD<sup>NUS.</sup>

“Malachy Cuolaghan, son of Hugh Cuolaghan and Isabella Maddin, aged twenty years, received the habit of probation, the required preliminaries having been attended to, in this Convent of Meelick, as a cleric. The aforesaid brother Malachy was professed in our Convent of Meelick on the 21st day of January, 1683, and, having changed his name, was called Francis.  
(Signed),      Brother Bonaventura Kelly, Guardian.”

“JANUARIUS 13.

HODIE CIRCA HORAM QUINTAM  
MANE PIE IN DNO. OBDORMIVIT  
SILIOTA LORCAN FILIA DNI.  
BERNARDI LORCAN ET DNAE  
MARIAE LAURENCE, VIRGO  
DEVOTA ET HUIC CONVENTUI  
DE MEELICK VALDE ADDICTA



**OBIIT . . . IN OCTAVA  
EPIPHANIAE QUAE INCIDIT IN  
DIEM DOMINICAN ANNO DNI 16<sup>83</sup><sub>84</sub>.  
“REQUIESCAT IN PACE. AMEN.”**

“Jan. 13th.

On this day at 5 o'clock in the forenoon, died piously in the Lord, Siliota Lorcán, daughter of Mr. Bernard Lorcán and Mrs. Mary Laurence, a devout virgin and much attached to this Couvent of Meelick. She died . . . on the octave of the Epiphany which fell on Sunday, in the year 16<sup>83</sup><sub>84</sub>.

“ May she rest in peace. Amen.”

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**“26 FEBR. 1686 OBIJT IN DNO. DNUS  
HUGO CUOLAGHANE, VIR PIUS  
ET PRUDENS ET HUJAS CON-  
VENTUS INSIGNIS BENEFAC TOR  
LEGAVIT HUIC CONVENTUI.”  
“REQUIESCAT IN PACE.”**

“26th Feb., 1686, died in the Lord Mr. Hugh Coulaghane, a man pious and prudent and a great benefactor of this Couvent. He left a bequest to this Convent.

“ May he rest in peace.”

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“ Hac die vigessima nona Januarii 1716. REV<sup>DVS</sup>. ADM. PATER  
FR. BERNARDUS LORCAN sacrae Theœ Lector emeritus  
Definitor habitualis nostræ Provincial praedicator egregius,  
neconon hujus conuentus de Meelick Actualis Guardianus,  
ecclesiasticis Sacramentis, obdormivit in Dno Sepultus erat  
in nra Sacraria.”

“ Requiescat in pace.”

“ On this 29th day of January, 1716. the Very Rev. Father Bernardo Lorcán, Lector in sacred Theology, emeritus Definitor, distinguished preacher in ordinary of our Province, and acting Guardian of the Couvent of Meelick, fortified by the rites of the Church slept in the Lord. He was interred in our Sacristy.”

“ May he rest in peace.”



“ Januarius 16, 1719.

Hac die obijt MADINUS, filius JOANNIS FRENCH de Derry-Ffrench et Dnæ CHRISTINAE MADDIN.”

“ Requiescat in sancta pace. Anno 1719.”

‘ January 16, 1719.

On this day died Madin, son of John French of Derry French, and Mrs. Christina Maddin.’

‘ May he rest in holy peace. In the year 1719.’

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“ Jan. 26. Hac die ELIZEBETHA DILLON filia PETRI DILLON de Athlone et uxor Joannis Flanagan Mercatoris, benefactrix optima nostri Couventus descessit ex hac vita. Legavit, et sepulta est in nra sacristia, 1723.”

“ Requiescat in sancta pace. Amen.”

‘ Jan. 26. On this day Elizabeth Dillon, daughter of Peter Dillon of Athlone, and wife of John Flanagan, merchant, a most generous benefactress of our Convent, departed this life. She left a legacy, and was interred in our sacristy, 1723.’

‘ May she rest in holy peace.’

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“ Januarius 13.

Hac die decima tertia mensis Januarii 1728 circa horam octavam vespertinis horis in sua domo de Munefield (?) Dominus PETRUS BLAKE, vir valde devotus, Legionis quondam praefectus, qui strenue et intrepide pugnavit tam in sua patria quam in Scotia pro Rege Jacobo Benefactor huic loco, obijt in Christo, munitus ecclesiasticis Sacramentis, sepultusque in nostro sacello.”

“ Requiescat in pace. Amen.”

‘ On this day, the thirteenth of the month of January, 1728, about eight o'clock in the evening in his house of Minefield (?), died Mr. Peter Blake, a man truly devout, heretofore in command of a regiment, he bravely and boldly fought both in his own country and in Scotland for King James. A benefactor to this place, he died in Christ, fortified by the rites of the church, and was interred in our chapel.’

‘ May he rest in peace.’

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“ Januarius 5.

MARIA SCOT uxor Dni JOANNIS LAURENCE de Baltimore agens circiter annum vigessimum tertium, superatis multis tentationibus quibus tentabatur ut negarat fidem Catholicam, divinia gratia adjuvante, perseveravit in avita religione. Mortua est 5 die hujus mensis, anni 1730, Legavit huic Conventus.”

“ Requiescat in sancta pace.”



‘Mary Scot, wife of Mr. John Laurence, of Baltimore, aged about twenty-three years, having vanquished many attempts by which it was sought to induce her to deny the Catholic faith, with the help of divine grace she persevered in the old religion. She died 5th day of this month of the year 1730. She left a legacy to this Convent.’

‘ May she rest in peace.’

“ 7. Hac die septima mensis Martis 1734, obiit Dominus EDWARDUS DILLON hujus conventus amicus et bonus benefactor.”  
“ Requiescat in sancta pace.”

‘ 7. On this day of the month of March 1734, died Mr. Edward Dillon, a friend of this convent and a good benefactor.’

‘ May he rest in holy peace.’

“ Februarius 25.

Hac die obiit DNUS JACOBUS DONELLAN huic conventui legavit.”

‘ On this day Mr. James Donellan died; he made a bequest to this convent. 17<sup>ss</sup><sub>34</sub>’

“ Januarius 5.

Hac die hujus mensis circa horam tertiam post meridiem, MARIA HORAN sepulta fuit in sepulchro prædecessorum suorum in nostra ecclesia, anno 1740.”

‘ January 5th.

On this day, at about three o'clock post meridian, Mary Horan was interred in the grave of her ancestors in our church, in the year 1740.

“ Januarius 4.

Hac die, 1750, obiit in Dno DNA CATHERINA HAMILTON, uxor Dni ROBERTI HAMILTON de Fairfield, Dna valde pia, devota, atque erga egenos charitatива. Sepulta fuit in loco sepulturae familiae de Hamilton 6to ejusdem anni die.”

“ Requiescat in pace. Amen.”

‘ January 4.

On this day, 1750, died in the Lord, Mrs. Catherine Hamilton, wife of Mr. Robert Hamilton, of Fairfield, a lady very devout, pious, and charitable to the poor. She was interred in the burial-place of the Hamilton family on the 6th day of the said year.’

‘ May she rest in peace. Amen.’



“ Hac die sexta Martis\* 1756, aetatis suae 74, inchoativa, pie  
sancteque obijt in Dno omnibus Sacramentis munitus R. A.  
ac . . . Pater D. ANT. McHUGH, Stae Theol. Lr. emolim  
Definitor ac Provincial Pater, vir magnae eruditionis, devotus  
atque (*amator*) pacis et charitatis emulator . . . in gravi  
acgritudine . . . multisque praeclarioris dotibus insignitus,  
septulatusque est in nostra Sacristia, cuius animae stolam  
gloriae conferre dignetur Dns. Deus noster. Amen.”

‘ This 6th day of March, 1756, having entered on the 74th  
year of his age, piously and holly died in the Lord,  
strengthened by all the sacraments R. A. and . . . Father  
D. Anth. McHugh, Lector in Sacred Theology, formerly  
Definitor and Father Provincial, a man of great erudition,  
devout, and (a friend) of peace and a promoter of charity  
. . . in severe illness . . . and gifted with many remark-  
able talents, and was interred in our Sacristy.’

‘ On whose soul may the Lord our God bestow the robe of glory.  
Amen.’

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“ Januarius 24.

Hac die anno 1763 obdormivit in Dno, R. A. P. PATRENSY  
Conventu de Rochelle.”

‘ This day of the year 1763 slept in the Lord, R. A. P. Patrensy,  
of the Convent of Rochelle.’

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“ Martius 3.

Ilac die obijt in Dno DNU. ROBERTUS HAMILTON Armiger,  
Fuit hujus conventus Protector atque strenuus defensor  
Legavit. Anima ejus requiescat in pace sempiterna. Amen. 1768.”

‘ March 3.

On this day died in the Lord, Robert Hamilton, Esqr. He was  
a Protector, and a strenuous defender of this convent. He left  
a bequest.’

‘ May his soul rest in everlasting peace. Amen. 1768.’

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“ Februarius 5.

Hac die an 1768, mortem pro vita eterna commutavit Dna  
CATHERINA HAMILTON alias KELLY, femina peroptima sincera,  
devota, omnibus chara, virtutibus clara. Galviae obijt et luc  
adducta in sepulchro cum suo marito Dno. Patritio Hamilton  
et familia de Fahy tumulata est. Animae ejus coronam gloriae  
conferre dignetur Sanctissima Trinitas, Pater et Filius et  
Spiritus Sanctus. Amen.”



‘ February 5th.

On this day, in the year 1768, Mrs. Catherine Hamilton alias Kelly, exchanged death for everlasting life, a woman pre-eminent, sincere, devout, dear to all, of distinguished virtue. She died at Galway, and her body was brought here where it was interred in the grave with her husband, Patrick Hamilton and the family of Fahy. May the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost bestow on her soul the crown of glory. Amen.’

“ Februarius 2, 1774, Decessit ab hac vita quam pro æterna commutavit illustris et nobilis DNA MARIA DALY alias BURKE de Lissmore filia illustrio et nobilis Dni, de Burgo armigeri, prius nupta illustrissimo Dno Jacobo Burke filio illustrissimi Comitis de Clanrickard, secundis nuptus honoravit nobilem Antonium Daly de Callow veram . . . . optimum, omni laude dignissimum. Fuit (defuncta) pia, devota, justissima, nostri Ordinis Tertia, hujus conventus praestantissima benefactrix. Sepulta est in nostra ecclesia.”

“ Requiescat in pace.”

‘ 2 of February, 1774, Departed this life which she exchanged for that which is eternal, the illustrious and noble lady Mary Daly alias Burke of Lissmore, daughter of the illustrious and noble de Burgo (Burke), Esq. She was first married to the most illustrious James Burke, son of the most illustrious Earl of Clanrickard. In her second marriage she honoured the noble Anthony Daly, of Callow, an excellent man and worthy of all praise. The deceased lady was pious, devout, most just, a Tertiary of our Order, and a most liberal benefactress of our Convent. She lies buried in our church.’

‘ May she rest in peace.’

“ Hac die 5ta Feb., 1776, obiit sancte in Dno nobilis et præclare HAERULA ALIZA DALY filia nobilis Dni, Anthonii Daly de Callow et illmae Mariae Daly alias Burke de Lissmore. Fuit valde benigna, charitativa, et erga omnes egenos misericors Legavit multis. Deus decoret animam ejus corona aeternae gloriae. Amen.”

“ Requiescat in pace.”

‘ On this day 5th Feb., 1776, died holily in the Lord, the noble and distinguished Haerula Aliza Daly, daughter of the noble Anthony Daly, of Callow, and the most illustrious Mary Daly alias Burke, of Lissmore. She was truly gracious, charitable, and bountiful towards all in want. She left many bequests. May God adorn her soul with the crown of eternal glory. Amen.’

‘ May she rest in peace.’



“ 12 Februarii obiit in Dno DNUS GULIELMUS HINDE, vir charitativus et hujus conventus bonus benefactor. Legavit huic conventui. Sepultus est juxta suam uxorem in nostra Ecclesia.”

“ Requiescat in pace.”

‘ 12 Feb., died in the Lord, Mr. William Hinde, a man given to charity and a great benefactor of this convent. He left a bequest to this convent. He lies buried beside his wife in our church.’

‘ May he rest in peace.’

(*To be continued.*)

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BURIAL INSCRIPTIONS OF THE GRAVEYARD OF ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, TUAM.

‘ Taken up to date of Feby. 3rd, 1882, by Richard Bevan, of Tuam, for the Very Revd. the Dean of Tuam.’

“ Erected | to the memory | of | THOMAS TOWNEND, Esqre., | who departed this life | on the 11th day of May, 1861, | aged 50 years. | Who lived Beloved and Respected, | and died regretted. |

Who now accuseth them,  
For whom the Saviour died ;  
Or who shall those condemn,  
Whom God hath justified.

Rom. viii., 33, 34.

“ The tomb was erected by his | bereaved and afflicted wife | HARRIET TOWNEND.”

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“ Erected | to the memory | of | WILLIAM ROPER, Esqre., | Birmingham Lodge, | who departed this life | 21st February, 1852, | aged 45 years. | By his afflicted wife | MARY ROPER.” | “ Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh.”

Matt. xxiv., v. 44.

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“ In memory of | THOMAS RISHWORTH, | born at Thwaite's House, Reighley, | 19th Augst., 1787. | Died at Carnane 18th July, 1862. | JOHN HENRY RISHWORTH, | born at Carnane 16th March, 1859, | died at Curragh House, 9th Octr., 1877.”

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“ Sacred | to the memory of | JOHN FRENCH EAGAR, | son of FRANCES LYNCH | [and] MARY I. EAGAR, | born 13 March, 1849, | died 1st November, 1860.”



"In memory of | ANNE, | beloved wife of JOHN M. HIRD, | of | Auchlisk, | died June 9, 1878, | aged 50 years."

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"He that believeth on the Son hath eternal\* life."—John iii., v. 36.  
"Arthur, | the | Beloved | Son | of the | REVD. JOHN TREANOR, | Rector of Kilmoylan, | Departed this life | the 21st of May, 1874, | aged 34 years."

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"CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH, | the beloved wife of | STANLEY TREANOR, Curate of Tuam, was buried here Octoer. 11, 1865, | aged 24 years. | She lived holily, | she suffered patiently, | she died triumphantly."

"Thanks be to God which giveth | us the victory through our | Lord Jesus Christ." 1st Cor. xv., 57.

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"Rom. viii., 37."

"In memory | of | THE REVD. JOHN TREANOR, B.A., | Rector of Kilmoylan, | Canon of Tuam Cathedral, | and formerly for many years | Vicar of St. Nicholas, Galway. | Born 11th March, 1800, died 14th April, 1879. | An honest man, a faithful and much beloved minister, | and a true disciple of his | most blessed Lord and Master | Jesus Christ. | No son had a better father, nor wife a better husband, | patient in afflictions, joyful through hope, continuing instant in prayer, he bore manfully his cross."

"Looking unto Jesus," when the King bade him, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

"These are they which came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

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"Sacred | to the memory of | JEANNIE, | the beloved wife | of | HENRY A. BLAKE, Esqre., S. I. Constabulary, | and | eldest daughter of | ANDREW IRWIN, Esqre., | of | Ballymore County Roscommon, | she departed this life | January 18th, 1866, | aged 23 years. | Also | to the memory | of | her two children, | Bella and Jemima, | who lie sleeping with her."

There is no condemnation for them which are in Christ Jesus.—Rom. viii., v. 1st.

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"THE REVD. JOHN GALBRAITH, | Provost and for 20 years Vicar of Tuam, | entered into his rest Sept. 18, 1850. | He being dead yet speaketh. | Ye know ' after what manner

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\* Everlasting.



I have | been with you at all seasons ; | ‘ and how I kept back nothing that was | profitable unto you, but have shewed you | and have taught you publickly and | from house to house.’ ‘ Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, | Repentance toward God, | and faith towards our | Lord’ Jesus Christ.’—Acts xx. 18, 20, 21.”

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“ In loving memory | of | ARTHUR NETTERVILLE BLAKE, | Kilcloghan House, | who died on the 19th January, 1876, | aged 72 years. | This cross is erected by his fond wife.”

“ Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.”

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“ JOHN, | son of the Revd. JOHN and SARAH GALBRAITH, | died the 6 July, 1842, | aged 17 years.”

“ I love them that love me, and those that seek me early shall find me.”—Proverbs viii. 17.

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“ SARAH, | daughter of the | Revd. JOHN and SARAH GALBRAITH, | departed this life | December 14th, 1839, | aged 4 years and 9 months.” | 2 Kings 4th, v. 26.

“ Is it well with the child ? | and she answered, it is well.”

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“ ELIZABETH, | daughter of HENRY | and | ELIZABETH GASCOIGNE, | born May 22nd, 1836, | died June 11th, 1836.”

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“ Sacred | to the memory of | JOHN HENDRICK, M.D., | who died at Tuam, April 6th, 1855, | aged 62 years. | His skill as a physician he | considered a sacred talent | committed to him for | the relief of the afflicted, | and freely bestowed upon the poor. | His own works as a ground | of Righteousness he utterly | renounced, and died trusting | in Christ alone for salvation.”

“ Blessed are the dead | that die in the Lord.”

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“ To the memory of | JOHN MACAN KIRWAN, | of Castle Hackett, | and late Royal Fusiliers. | Born February 23rd, 1851. | Died June 23rd, 1875.”

“ What I do, thou knowest not now ; but thou shalt know hereafter.”—John xiii. 7.

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“ Sacred to the | memory of | MARY JANE M‘CARTHY. | Born January 15, 1846. | Slept in Jesus | October 12, 1869.”

“ Blessed are the | dead that die | in the Lord.”

“ Erected by Bishop of Tuam & Honourable Mrs. Bernard.”



“Erected by | Mrs. I. Boyle Bernard, | in memory of | her  
faithful nurse | SARAH SNELL, | died 22nd December, 1879.”

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“ROBERT JOSEPH SEYMOUR, | 7th August, 1854.”

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“CHARLES DE LA GARDE, 9th October, 1860, | aged 75.”

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“ELIZABETH SEYMOUR, | 7th October, 1853.”

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‘N.B.—All the above inscriptions belong to the graveyard avenue, on the *North* side of old cathedral.’

(*To be continued.*)

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INSCRIPTIONS ON THE PLATE OF THE ANCIENT FRANCISCAN  
MONASTERY AT MEELECK, AND OTHER PLACES IN  
THIS COUNTY.

“*Fr. PAULUS O'MULGAOCHE procuravit  
hunc Calicem pro Conventu de Myllicke, pro  
quo oretur, A.D. 1640.*”

‘Br. Paul O’Mulgaoche procured this chalice for the Convent of Meelick, for whose repose pray. A.D. 1640.’

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“*Domina ELIZABETHA BUTLER, Comitessa,  
me fieri fecit pro anima sua et Mariti sui  
Rickardi, defuncti Comitis de Clanrecard, et  
Conventui de Mylicke dedicavit, 10 Aug., Anno  
1667.*”

‘Lady Elizabeth Butler, Countess, caused me to be made for her own soul and that of her husband RICHARD, deceased EARL OF CLANRICKARD, and gave me as a gift to the Convent of Meelick, 10th of August, 1667.’

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“*Orate pro Fr. JACOBO MADDEN, qui me  
fieri fecit pro Conventu de Milick, Anno 1714.*”

‘Pray for Br. James Madden, who caused me to be made for the Convent of Meelick, A.D. 1714.’



## GALWAY.

*“Orate pro animabus MARTINI FONTII et  
ELISÆ BUTLER, qui me fieri fecerunt pro  
conventu FF. Min., Galviæ, 1621.”*

‘Pray for the souls of MARTIN FONTII and ELIZA BUTLER, who caused me to be made for the Convent of the Friars Minors of Galway, 1621.’

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*“Sancto Francisco. Orate pro animabus  
GASPARIS CHRISTOPHORI et uxorum  
ejus CHRISTINÆ et EVILINÆ LYNCH,  
et pro illis qui me fieri fecerunt, A.D. 1683,  
pro conventu FF. Min. Galviæ. Deo Gratias.”*

‘To St. Francis. Pray for the souls of GASPAR CHRISTOPHER and his wives, CRISTINA and EVELEEN LYNCH, and for those who caused me to be made, A.D. 1683, for the Friars Minors of Galway. Many thanks be to God.’

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*“Fr. JOANNES WALSH, 1708.”*

‘Br. John Walsh, 1708.’

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*“D. EDUARDUS FRENCH, filius Patritii  
Frenchi, et J. MEGINA DARCY, ejus uxor,  
fieri fecerunt pro Fratribus Minoribus, Galviæ,  
1638. Orate pro eis.”*

‘EDWARD FRENCH, son of PATRICK FRENCH and J. MEGINA DARCY his wife, caused me to be made for the Brothers Minors of Galway, 1638. Pray for them.’

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## KILCONNELL.

*“Procuravit Fr. FRANCISCUS GUEFFE  
pro Conventu de Kilconnell, 27 Julii, 1638.”*

‘Br. FRANCIS GUEFFE procured this for the Convent of Kilconnell, 27 of July, 1638.’



## KINALEHAN.

*“Fr. JOANNES de BURGO, me procuravit  
pro Conventu FF. Min. de Kinalehan, A.D. 1711.”*

‘Brother JOHN DE BURGO procured me for the Convent of the Friars Minors at Kinalehan, A.D. 1711.’

*“Fr. JOANNES BRESNAGH me procuravit  
pro Conventu FF. Min. de Kinalehan, Anno 1718.”*

‘Br. JOHN BRESNAGH procured me for the Convent of Kinalehan, in the year 1718.’

[Rev. C. P. Meehan.]

## C O U N T Y K E R R Y .

**Parish of Ardfert.**

‘Inscription over the hall-door of Ardfert Abbey :—

**“HOC. OPVS. INCEPTVM. A○. DNI. 1633.  
ET FINITVM. A○. 1635 :  
DAVID CROSBIE. ARM :  
VBI. FIDES. ET. VERITAS. DEVIS  
PROVIDEBIT.”**

‘This stone was found built into the pier of a gate at Ardfert, with the face *turned in*, and restored by the present William Talbot Crosbie, Esq.

‘On a stone in the old Cathedral of Ardfert, cut in raised letters on a small sunken panel :—

“ MAV · MOORE | · K | 1703.”

‘Will any antiquary explain what the letter K after the name stands for?’

‘On a small broken slab on the east window of Ardfert Cathedral, is this inscription (which I have copied literally as it remains, and will leave the reader to supply its blanks) :—

“ ORATE P[RO ANIMABUS ?]  
..... IS . DIONY . MORIARTY . ET . EVGENI . O'SULLIVAN  
EPISCOPVS . KERRIENSES .  
..... us . SCULPS.  
JOHANNES . ROACHE, 25th MARCH, AN . DNI . 1762.”



'In the Church of Ardfert there is a small copper poor-box in high preservation, on which is engraved:—

"THE GIFT OF | THE REV. WILLIAM  
MAUNSELL | TO THE CATHEDRAL  
CHURCH OF ARDFERT, | 1st SEPT., 1752.  
JOHN CROSBIE, Esq., }  
JOHN HARNETT, Esq., } *Churchwardens.*"

'It is strange how so small an article should have remained in constant use for a century and a-half.'

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### **Ardfert Cathedral.**

"HERE LIES THE BODY OF | VRIAH BABBINGTON,  
ESQRE., | WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE | THE 5TH  
DAY OF APRIL, 1724, | IN THE 63D YEAR OF  
HIS AGE."

"ANNE SMARLEY, 1750."

"JOHN COWAN, 1757."

"FRANCIS TELLOT, 1758."

'Probably English and a French servant of Earl of Glandore.'

[From W. Hilliard, Esq., Tralee.]

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### **Ballinahaglish Church—Parish of same.**

'On a small mural slab in the chancel of Ballinahaglish Church, is the following inscription in good preservation:—

"HEARE . LYES . THE . BODY . OF . | LEVT . WM .  
HILLIARD . OF LISTRIM . WHO . DEPARTED .  
THIS . LIFE . | ON . THE . 9th OF . APRIL . 1707 . |  
AND . THE . BODY . OF . HIS . WIFE . | ELLIZ .  
WHO . DIED . ON . THE . 28 . MAY . 1709 ."

'Lieut. Hilliard was at the Battle of the Boyne in William's army.'

[W. B. H.]

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### **Parish of Bingle.**

(From Smith's "Kerry.")

"The parish church, dedicated to St. James, is said to have been formerly built at the charge of the Spaniards. It was originally very large, but most of the old structure has gone to ruin."



"The part in use is called St. Mary's Chapel, in which is a handsome monument, consisting of a pannel (*sic*) of black marble, with the following inscription in gold letters placed between two Ionic pillars, adorned with cherubims, and capitals of Italian alabaster."

Here follows the epitaph on the Knight (John) of Kerry, already given at page 87 of my Report for 1889.

Doctor Smith gives the following description of the Arms on the FitzGerald tombstone dated 1504:—

"Arms—Ermine, a cross saltier gules, supporters, on a dexter side a boar, on the sinister a dragon, being born by the Earls of Desmond, from whom the family are descended."

On an old gravestone in the churchyard, is the following epitaph:—

**"STEPHEN RICE LIES HERE,  
LATE | KNIGHT OF PARLIAMENT,  
AN HAPPY LIFE | FULL FOUR-  
SCORE YEARS FULL VIRTUOUSLY |  
HE SPENT, HIS LOVED\*[] WIFE  
ELLEN | TRANT, WHO DIED FIVE  
YEARS BEFORE | HIM, LIES HERE  
ALSO.  
LORD GRANT THEM LIFE FOR  
EVERMORE.  
MDCXXII."**

**"HVIC SVCCVRRE TVIS VOTES PIA  
MATER JESV | INSVPER ADDE  
TVAS LECTOR AMICE PRECES."**

*Arms*—Qy. party per pale engrailed, in the 2nd and 3rd a lion rampant.

\*This Ste. Rice was ancestor of Sir Stephen Rice, an ancient actor in the scenes of 1688.'

For more about this family, see note, p. 58 of Smith's book.

The following notes, by Dr. J. W. Busteed, Castlegregory, refer to the FitzGerald tomb figured at page 185 of my Report for 1890, and are not without interest:—

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\* J. D. Magle reads this word Loyal, not loved.—[ED.]



"The Geraldine tombstone in Dingle Churchyard [see page 185], was probably placed there in memory of more than one person. This is implied by the plural in "Salva nos," as also by the initial "N" twice used in the prayer for "Nos" and "Nostrum," the prayer might then be read thus:—"O Pater miserere nostrum Pallidis Profundis et judica nostras animas misericordia." Between the letters "AM" at end of the prayer, no period or full stop is found in the photograph, while following each of the other initials (in the prayer) a stop is found denoting the commencement of a new word. It may therefore be objected that the two letters in conjunction cannot signify *two words*, which would tell against the reading I suggest. At the end of the stone, under the cross, are more than a dozen initials intended to signify more words than one, yet not divided by any stop.

"We may assume that the whole inscription was furnished to the sculptor by some cleric, chaplain, or confessor (literary Geraldines were probably not numerous in those days), to whom the Latin version of the Book of Psalms was familiar, especially the Psalms "De profundis clamavi," and "Miserere mei," and "Judica me." It was not uncommon in those days to interweave classical, and even pagan, allusions into Christian epitaphs. Claudian, a Roman writer of the 4th century, speaks of what lies beyond the grave as "*Pallida Regio*," and in a Christian inscription on a bridge near Holycross Abbey, pagan terms are similarly applied: "*Stygios lacus*." I believe the initials within the heart on the stone, are meant for those of the persons entombed beneath."

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Miss Hickson writes:—

"In Report for the year 1890 (No. 3) there is an error as to the FREDERICK MULLENS who died in 1695. He was not the *first*\* of his name in Kerry, but the eldest son of the first Colonel Frederick Mullens of the Cromwellian army—one of those whose signature appears to the treaty for the surrender of Ross Castle, in Kerry, in 1652. This Frederick Mullens, *junior* (who died in 1795), married MARTHA BLENNERHASSETT, of Littur House, County Kerry, great-granddaughter maternally of Dermot, Baron of Inchiquin, and the grandson of this marriage was created BARON VENTRY in 1800."

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"The FitzGerald tombstone in Dingle churchyard, which has been wrongly called a Desmond tombstone (as no Desmond Earl was ever buried in Dingle), was most probably originally placed over the grave of one of the family of the Knights of Kerry, or one of the Gallerus, Liscarney, or Murreregan FitzGeralds, amongst whom Garret was a very common Christian name. The two supporters are the same, a boar and dragon, as those used by the present and late Knights of Kerry, and the coat is nearly the same as theirs, as nearly as an old Dingle workman probably ever made it in his rough sculpturing. I am strongly inclined to think that the rendering in Irish of part of the

\* Mr. Nagle does not say he *was* the first of the Irish branch, but that it is "very probable."—E.I.



inscription by Dr. Smith ("History of Kerry," ed. 1759) is correct. The people in and around Dingle in 1504, and even in Smith's time, would be much more likely to use Irish and Latin for such inscriptions than English; and in 1756-8, when he saw it, they were more likely to have a correct reading from tradition of the words from their grandfathers and great-grandfathers, than modern readers can have through their mere guesses at the same. The stone, like many such in Irish and Scotch churchyards, has evidently been used from time to time to cover the graves of different persons. I should think the O Pater M. N. P. P. is an appeal to pray for Maurice Nangle, Parish Priest, but must leave this to be decided by others. Sir George Carew's MSS. at Lambeth would be a great help in reading those Irish sixteenth century inscriptions, and understanding the arms and crests accompanying them. He not only gives the pedigrees of most of the Anglo-Irish and old Irish families of his time, but numbers of finely-coloured sketches of their crests and arms."

"As regards Dr. Smith's copies of inscriptions in Kerry, however, one which he gives from Ardfert Cathedral is quite wrong as to date. In the following he has printed the date as 1688, whereas it is really twenty years earlier :—

**"THIS MONUMENT WAS ERECTED  
AND CHAPPLE [sic] RE-EDIFIED IN  
THE YEAR 1668 BY THE RIGHT  
HONORABLE HONORA LADY  
DOWAGER OF KERRY, FOR HER-  
SELF, HER CHILDREN, AND THEIR  
POSTERITIE ONLY, ACCORDING  
TO HER AGREEMENT WITH THE  
DEAN AND CHAPTER."**

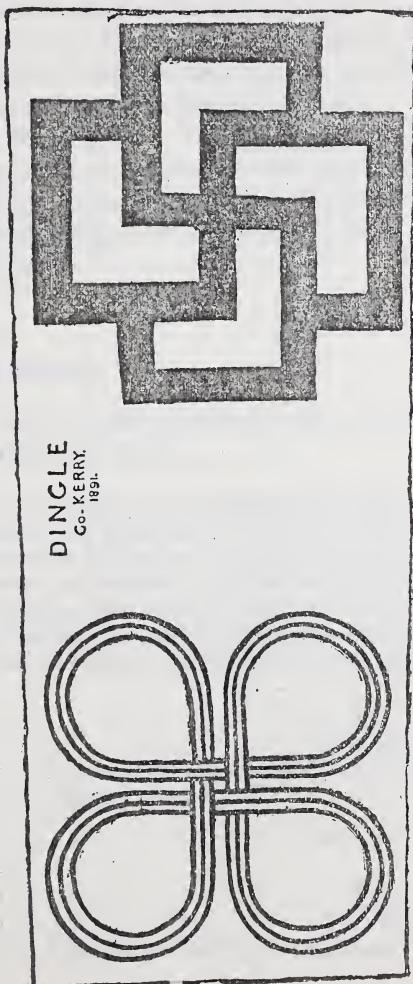
"Archdeacon Rowan, in the *Kerry Magazine*, Miss Cusack, in her 'History of Kerry,' and others, have re-printed Dr. Smith's erroneous date, but the original is plainly 1668, as, indeed, might be expected. The few years between the Restoration and 1674, were the only ones after 1641 in which Honora Lady Kerry, daughter of the richest commoner of his day in Ireland, and widow of the 19th Lord Kerry, had any respite from troubles and pecuniary cares. Her will, dated 1680, which is in the Public Record Office, directs that she shall be buried privately at night, in this tomb [sic] erected by herself, as she has not 'wherewithal to bury her otherwise.' The will was proved in December, 1681, seven years before the erroneous date given by Smith and his copyists as that of the poor lady's purchase of her tomb. It is enclosed in the small chapel at the north-east end of the Cathedral, and as the FitzMaurice arms and crest



were placed on a stone just opposite the tomb, she evidently purchased the whole small building, as a kind of mortuary chapel for herself and her descendants.

"In my first series of Kerry Records, written in London and published in 1872, I copied Smith and Archdeacon Rowan's version of the above inscription; but when in 1875 I came to examine the tomb myself carefully, for the account of it which I gave in the 'Journal of the Royal Historical and Archaeological Association' in 1876, I found the mistake that all who relied on Smith, including myself, up to that year, had made."

### Dingle.



The strange devices represented in the annexed drawing are on a stone standing in the N.E. part of this churchyard. The stone rests on a substantial pedestal of masonry. There are no letters of any kind on it, only those two curiously-interlaced devices.

It is coffin-shaped.

Size of stone, about 2 feet 4 inches wide at head, and 2 feet 2 inches at foot, and about 6 feet long. A device, much resembling the circular one in the annexed drawing, is given by Mr. Wakeman in his description of "Scribblings in Knockmore Cave, Co. Fermanagh." [See his "Handbook of Irish Antiquities," 1891.]

The square figure is 2 feet  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches, outside to outside, the shoulders are 6 inches long and the pattern is 3 inches wide.

The circular figure is 2 feet and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch



from outside to outside, the circles are 1 foot in diameter, outside to outside, the pattern [in three lines] is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide.

These two figures are reduced by photography, &c., from a rubbing of the stone itself, so that they represent the correct proportions.

It is to be regretted that this stone is both nameless and dateless.

I have looked over the many forms of crosses illustrating the Bishop of Limerick's (Graves) recent paper on those of Egypt, and also of those found in Ireland, and given in Mr. Wakeman's paper in "The Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland" for the first quarter of 1891, but cannot trace any resembling these figures at Dingle.

Whether the top figure on the Dingle tombstone has or has not any connection with the pagan "Swastica," under its many names, I leave it to others to determine, and I shall be much obliged for any information on the subject for my next Report.

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### Kildrum.

The following extract is taken from the *Kerry Evening Post* of June 4, 1872:—

"In the sunny graveyard of "KILDRUM," which lies quite close to the public road leading from this town (Dingle) to the historic "Fort-del-Ore" (so called by the Spaniards, by whom it was built in 1579), the celebrated oratory on the lands of Gallerns and Kilmalchedar Church, are to be seen two remarkable tombs, probably the smallest ever constructed, being only 18 inches apart, and as many inches high above the level of the ground; their tiny tombstones bear the following singular inscriptions":—



I. H. S.

"Here Lyeth the Body | of ROWLAND RICE, | who Dyed the  
20th | of April, 1737."

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I. H. S.

"ROWLAND RICE, | Junior, 9BER | 10, 1750."



### Kilorglin, or Castle Conway.

‘ In the chapel in this place is the following inscription on a monument over the body of JOHN BLENNERHASSET, ESQRE’ :—

“ HIC JACET ELIZABETHA, CLARISSIMA  
 CONJUX JOHANNIS BLENNERHASSET,  
 ARMIGERI, PIA, SOBRIA, CASTA, AMABI-  
 LIS, MULTIS DESIDERATA,  
 OBIIT 22 DIE MARTII MDCCXXXII.  
 ANNOQ. ÆTATIS SUÆ LXIII. MORENS  
 MARITUS POSUIT.  
 HIC ETIAM JACET AVICIA MATER  
 DICTI JOHANNIS MERSA MARI MEN-  
 -SIS APRILIS MDCLXIII.  
 ETIAM JENKIN ET EDWARDUS  
 CONWAY AVVS ET PATER DICTÆ  
 AVICIE.  
 NECNON HENRICUS FRATER DICTI  
 JOHANNIS, IN QUORUM OMNIUM MEMOR  
 -IAM IPSE HÆRES AVICIE HOC MARMOR  
 INSTRVI FECIT.”

[Smith’s “Kerry,” p. 148.]

### Parish of Kilsarcan (?)

“ This tomb was erected by HUGH THOMAS WILLIAM and  
 JAMES O’CONNOR in memory of their Father TIMOTHY, who  
 departed this life May 4th, 1813, aged 80 years.”

“ May his soul rest in peace.”

‘ Under this are sculptured armorial bearings described in the following lines :—

“ Three Warlike Lions with their bloody Swords in hand,  
 Criss-cross the Griffin, the Lizard doth stand.  
 The Royal Oak, with all its flourishing charms,  
 Stands for the Princely O’Connors Coat-of-Arms.”

Copied by Dr. Busteed (a well-known antiquary), May, 1859.

‘ Kilsarcan is in a very wild district, about twenty miles from Tralee, towards the County Cork.’

[From W. B. Hilliard, Esq.]



## C O U N T Y   K I L D A R E .

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### **Ballachmoon.**

‘The old graveyard of Ballachmoon is situated on the River Lerr, three miles to the S.W. of Castledermot; the ruins of a small church are still standing. On the south side of this building is the following inscription on a flat tombstone, curious for the way in which the name “Kinsella” is spelt. There do not seem to be any very old monuments or headstones in this burial-ground:—

“Here lieth the Body of MURTAGH KINSCHELAUGH | late of Kilkea | who departed this life the 2nd March, 1787 | Aged 69 years. | May the Lord have Mercy on his Soul.”

[Contributed by Lord Walter Fitzgerald.]

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### **Dunmanoge.**

A correspondent says:—

“Recently being in the neighbourhood of Maganey, I took the opportunity of visiting the tomb of JAMES M<sup>R</sup>ROBERTS, referred to on pages 195 and 6 of your Report. I found the tombstone broken into four pieces and lying upon the grave.”

Perhaps some gentleman from this neighbourhood would kindly look after this mutilated Memorial of the Dead, and rescue the “pieces” from further injuries or removal.

### **Donoughmore.**

‘The old churchyard of Donoughmore, or Grange-William, lies between the towns of Leixlip and Maynooth; the ruins of a little church and chancel arch still remain, and the west gable has the middle portion of a double belfry still topping it. The following inscriptions are all copied from stones in this graveyard, and are mostly hard to decipher’:—

“To the memory | of JAMES NEAL | decd. in 1735 | Aged  
48 years & of HENRY NEAL | decd. in 1758 aged 25 yrs. |  
This stone was erected by | Margaret Neal surviving [sic] |  
Wife of ye first & Mother | of ye latter.”

[S.E. side.]

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“Heare lyeth | ye Body of | PATRICK SAN | DERS who |  
departed this | life ye 29th of | Ivn age 32 | 1752.”

[E. side.]



“Here lyeth ye | Body of CATCHRN | CONEY who died |  
March ye 20th 1742 | Aged 18 years.”

[E. side.]

“Here lyeth ye Body | of BRYAN M‘BRIDE | who departed this |  
this [sic] life ye 19 Jany | 1754 aged 64 years.”

[N. side.]

“This Stone & Burial place | Belongeth to PATTR. MALONE |  
in ye yr 1745.”

[S.E. side.]

“Here lyeth The Body | of THOMS. PEPARD | who Deped.  
this life | A.D. 1715 aged 50 yrs | as also ye Body of |  
ELIZABETH PERD | wife to Iohn Perd | by whom this |  
Mont. was Ered. 1759 | for his posteraty [sic] | May thy [sic]  
rest in pace. | Amen.”

[N. side.]

“William Duke of Leinster | hath Erected this Stone to the |  
Memory of PATRICK ALLEN | Gardener to his Grace and | his  
Ancestors, he departed this | life the 22nd of August A.D. 1778 |  
Aged 82 years.”

[East side.]

“Here lies old Joe | an honest Man |  
Say more of Mortal | if you can.”  
“JOSEPH FOSTER | died 1781.”

“This last inscription is from a large slab lying on the ground on the south side of the churchyard. The name and date were added in recent years by the late Duke of Leinster. Joseph Foster was an old servant in the service of the Dukes of Leinster at Carton, where there is a picture (in crayons, 2 feet 4 inches by 1 foot 8 inches) of him by Hamilton, as he is about to pull a bell-rope.”

[Lord Walter FitzGerald.]

### Furness or Furnace.

“This is said to have been the *ancient* seat of the Nevill family; in the back lawn stands the ruin of an old chapel which *has* [1794] a window of painted [stained, query] glass of great antiquity, and not inferior in colour and beauty to any in Europe; it is kept in perfect repair.”—*Anth. Hib.*

The glass above referred to appears by the Earl of Mayo’s notes [attached hereto] to have been removed to the dwelling-house, and no longer to ornament the “old chapel.”



[From the Earl of Mayo.]

'Inscription on tombstone lying against S. wall FURNESS (ruined) Church, County Kildare' :—

I. H. S.

"This is WILLIAM | MURRAY Burial | Place. Here lye | His  
wife JOAN MURRAY and 3 of | his children | February 2  
171 ?(?)

'The last figure of date is obliterated, but suppose it to be a 1.'

'This is the only inscribed tombstone visible in this churchyard.'

'In the house at Furness now belonging to the Miss Beaumans, is a fan-light on E. side of the house, in which the pieces of old glass from above-named church window are inserted. The centre piece represents the Madonna and Child, and a figure in green robe with girdle. On a scroll in this piece of glass is written :—

"B Frances ord Carm."

'Tombstone restored on outside E. end of ruined church, Kerdifftstown, County Kildare' :—

Inscription on tombstone at foot.

**"HERE LIETH THE BODY OF  
MARY KERDIFFE WIFE OF  
JOHN KERDIFFE ESQ<sup>R</sup> WHO  
DIED Y<sup>E</sup> 15 APRILL 1690."**

"Here lieth the body of | JOHN KERDIFF | who died ye  
26 day of Janry. 1702."

'This stone was restored or recopied on existing headstone by the late Thomas Hendrick, of Kerdifftstown. The original stone, in a horizontal position, has the inscription obliterated, by weather.'

### **Johnstown.**

At page 196 of this volume, is a notice of an inscription said to have been in "Johnstown" burial-ground, County Kildare, in 1807, and about which I failed to discover any trace. I was not then aware that there was a second place bearing the above name on the border of this county. Quite recently, and



through the exertions of Mr. C. J. Hobson, of Carlow, the position of this inscribed stone can be accurately placed on record. He discovered the stone (which bears the inscription given at page 196) near the avenue leading to Johnstown House, occupied by A. Fitzmaurice, Esq., a few miles E. from Carlow.\* "It is built into a wall, and stands near a piece of ground that appears to have been originally a graveyard." Mr. Hobson also mentions standing in this plot "a rough granite stone with peculiar hole in it about 10 inches in depth (circular), and about the same in diameter, which I was told had quite recently been removed from the adjoining lawn to this old burial-ground."

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### **Parish of Kilberry.**

#### **LIST OF INCUMBENTS, TAKEN FROM REGAL VISITATION BOOKS AND THOSE OF THE FIRST FRUITS' OFFICE.**

"*Ann. 1615. Kilberry. Ecclia. et cancell rosa.*"

"*ADAMUS WILKINSON institut. fuit, 26 die Maii, 1663, ad et in Vicar Ecclesiae. polis. de Kilberry vacan. p. mort. nralem. ult. ibid. Incum.*"

"*JACOBUS WALE, collat. et institut. fuit 6 Maii, 1669, in et ad Vicar de Kilberry in com. Kildare et Dioc. Dublin, per resignation. Adami Wilkinson, ultim, ibm. Incumbent.*"

"*JACOBUS MOORE, cler. in artibus magr. institut. fuit 26 October, 1680, ad et in vicaria de Kilberry, dioc. Dublin.*"

"*FRANCUS MOORE, collat. fuit, 13 die Nobris, 1703, ab Vicar de Kilberry com.—not in tax.*"

"*ANTHONY WELDON, A.M., instituted 3 April, 1776, V. Kilberry, Kildare.*"

"*THOMAS KINGSBURY, A.M., instituted 29 June, 1801, V. Kilberry, Kildare.*" [Mason.]

He was still Vicar of this parish in 1830—"church in ruins." [Erek.]

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### **St. Brigid's Cathedral.**

' Among the interesting tombs and monuments collected together and temporarily placed inside the nave of the cathedral for safety, is an altar-tomb, with sides richly decorated with foliage patterns, belonging to the Walsh family.'

'The covering-slab, which at the top bears the Walsh coat-of-arms—viz.: Ar. a chevron gu. between 3 broad arrows' heads, points upwards,

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\* It would appear to be in the County Carlow, not Kildare, though close to the southern boundary of the latter county.



sa. (together with a crescent for difference, on the chevron),—has the following inscription in large bold letters. A large triangular bit of the stone is broken out and lost, but, with the help of a rather inaccurate copy of the inscription taken in 1782, Father Denis Murphy, S.J., has filled in the missing portion as follows, and has also added a translation:—

“ HOC MONUMENTUM | FIERI  
 FECIT WALTE- | RUS WALSHÆUS |  
 ARMIGER QUOND- | AM DE  
 KILDARE-(sic) | ORIUNDUS EX  
 A- | NTIQUA PRO SAP- | IA DE  
 CASTELHE- | ALEO PRO DICT- |  
 -Æ FAMILIAE HÆR- | EDE  
 EDMONDO WAL- | SHÆ O . . . .  
 QUI O | BIIT 12 DIE APRILIS |  
 ANNO DOMINI 1621.”

**TRANSLATION.**

‘Walter Walsh, gentleman, formerly of Kildare, descended from the ancient family of Castlehayle, caused this monument to be made for Edmund Walsh, the heir of the said family, who died the 12th day of April, anno Domini 1621.’

‘In the corners of the slab are the four typical emblems of the four Evangelists, viz., a winged lion, an angel, a winged cow, and an eagle. The letters, &c., are in relief.

‘The smaller letters are partly Father Murphy’s, and partly from the copy of 1782.

‘In Burke’s “General Armoury” the following extracts are to be found:—

“Walsh, of Castle Hoel, Co. Kilkenny, a branch of the Walshes of the Walsh Mountains. Haylus Brenagh, alias Walsh, son of the first settler in Ireland, built a castle, called after him Castle Hayl, or Castle Hoel.”

“Walsh.—Walter Walsh, Dean of Kildare 1610, died 6th April, 1621.”—(*Fun. Ent., Ulster’s Office.*)’

### Kildare Cathedral Burial-ground.

‘A large unsightly, square, high walled enclosure, belonging to the Medlicott family of Dunmurry House, encloses their vault, close to the



south entrance of the Cathedral. Built into it, on the south end, is a large flag bearing a coat-of-arms in relief, and the following incised inscription :—

“Here lieth the Body of GEORGE MEDLICOTT | Esqr. who died at Tully near this place June | the 26th 1717 in the 68th year of his Age. | Also the Body of ELIZABETH MEDLICOTT | otherwise BAGOT his wife who died | Dec. 29th 1723 in the 68th year of her Age | leaving Behind her 7 sons & 7 daughters, | wch she had By ye sd George & who | were all of age when she died.”

‘At the entrance gate into the enclosure, is a tablet in the wall, informing one that this is :—

“THE BVRIAL PLACE | OF GEORGE MEDLIC |  
OTT ESQR AND HIS | FAMILY.”

‘There is one tombstone inside, having the following inscription :—

“Under this Stone lieth the mortal remains of | JAMES MEDLICOTT, L.L.D. late of Youngstown | County of Kildare he departed this life | the 25th day of December 1771, aged 85 years. | Also the remains of CHARLES DOWLING MEDLI | COTT Esqr of said place who left this life for a | happy immortality the 12 day of February 1811 aged 106 years.”

‘Just outside the Medlicott enclosure are two table tombs thus inscribed :—

“Here lieth the Body of FRANCIS BROWNE | of Riverstown Esqr. who departed this life | on the 30th of August 1783 | aged 71 years.”

‘The next is :—

“Here rest the remains of RICHARD BROWNE | Esqr. of Dunnenvy in this Parish universally | Lamented, to whose Memory this humble | Tomb is dedicated by his affectionate nieces MARTHA RUIGER and MARY BROWNE as a | Small token of their Gratitude, and Respect | for his Memory, A.D. 1800.”

“Here rest the Dust of | PHILIP ROUSE, whose welth [sic] | was lent to Church and | Poor: to purchase Bliss his | flock with zeal he taught | whilst he had health in truth | and friendship [sic] never was remiss | He died Apl. 18 A.D. 1778 | aged 66 years | Requiescat in pace Amen.”

‘This tombstone stands to the S.W. of the Cathedral; as it belongs to a priest, the inscription faces the west.’



'The next inscription is taken from a stone lying with others in a heap, having been temporarily removed from the interior of the Cathedral':—

"HERE LIETH THE BODY | OF EDWARD BAGOT ESQ<sup>R</sup> | DECEASED THE 16<sup>TH</sup> OF 7<sup>BR</sup> | 1711 AT WALTERS- TOWNE | AGED 90 YEARS."

'The Ly, or Leigh, monument lies to the N.E. of the Cathedral. An account of this family (and particularly the John Ly or Lee, of Rathbridge, mentioned on the monument,) is given in Dr. Comerford's book on the Dioceses of Kildare and Leighlin (vide p. 29 of the volume on the Kildare diocese). The letters are in relief, and run round the edge of the stone and in a line up the centre and along the stem of a large cross':—

"INRI.

ORATE . PRO . ANIMABVS  
 IOHANNIS . LY . DERABRID  
 ARMIGER<sup>O</sup> . ET . AMY . FITZGERALD .  
 VXORIS . EIVS . COMMENDAMVS .  
 ANIMAS . NOSTRAS . IN . MANVS .  
 SALVATORIS . DOMINI . NOSTRI .  
 IESV . CRISTI . NICCOL . HELI .  
 DATVM . VII . DIE . MAY . 1612 .  
 IOHANNIS . LI."

'A large cross, with a "Maltese" head, runs along the centre of the stone; at the base are the arms of FitzGerald and Wogan.'

"ORATE PRO ANIMABUS  
 REDMUNDI FITZGERALD ET  
 ANNÆ SUTTON UXORIS EIUS  
 ET PRO ANIMBUS IOCABI  
 FITZGERALD ET MARIÆ WOGAN  
 UXORIS EIUS QUI HOC MONU-  
 MENTUM FIERI FECERUNT  
 MISEREMINI MEI MISEREMINI



**MEI SAL-TEMUOS AMICII MEI :  
IESUS NAM MICHI HODIE .  
CRAS UOBIS IDEM IACOBUS  
OBIIT . 24 . IUNII . 1618 .**

'This FitzGerald monument is at present lying inside the nave of the Cathedral with several other interesting monuments, placed there for safety; it measures 6 feet 8 inches long, 2 feet 6 inches broad, and 6 inches thick; it is broken into four pieces. These FitzGeralds may have belonged to the Lackagh branch of the family. The mullet on the FitzGerald side of the shield denotes the "difference" of a third son. The letters are in relief.'

[From Lord Walter FitzGerald.]

The Rev. Canon Hewson, of Gowran, County Kilkenny, has sent me the following [imperfect] inscription also from this burial-ground :—

"DOMINA MARGARETA D [ . . . . . ]  
MONUMENTUM FIERI FECIT OB MI  
[ . . . . . ] MAURICII FITZGERALDI DE  
LACKAGHI MILITIS QUONDUM SUI  
MARITI QUI OBIIT X [ . . . ] E DECEMBRIS  
A.D. 1575."

[WALTER BRENNAGH ME FECIT.]

#### **Kildroght alias Castletown:**

"GULIELMUS CONOLLY virtutis præmium summos honores  
adeptus viginti circiter annos Vectigalium Septemvir Annæ  
Georgio 1º Georgio 2º a Secretioribus Consiliis : In regni  
Comitiis plebeii ordinis orator suffragiis omnibus bis renunciatus  
Decies ex Hiberniæ custodibus unus Primus cui Princeps  
Populusque sua jura simul commiserint optimo consilio  
Fidelis subditus bonus civis Difficillimus temporibus semel  
atque iterum probatus Ita PATRIAM coluit ut non REGIS In  
REGEM ut nec PATRIÆ oblitus Constans Fortis Æquus Sagax  
Et Rebus gesendis natus Omnia feliciter administravit Insigni  
REIPUBLICÆ emolumento Magnas opes innocenter partas  
modeste habuit et magnifice Morum comitate, probitate, hospitalitate  
Benigna erga omnes animo et integrum amicos fide Quam  
plurimos sibi devinxit, devictos servavit Postmortem etiam  
prodesse volens Pauperiorum pueris alendis instituendisque  
Ædes in propinqno fundandas Amplis in perpetuum Reditibus



dotatas Testament curavit cum satis naturæ satis gloria vixisset  
Obiit Octob : 29<sup>o</sup> A.D. 1729. Ætatis 67. Viro Dignissimo  
Catherina e Conynghamorum gente, Posuit."

[From I. B.'s MS.]

TRANSLATION.

"William Connolly, who attained as the reward of his merit the highest honours, was for about twenty years a Commissioner of the Revenue in the reigns of Queen Anne and George I., and was a Privy Councillor in the reign of George II. He was twice unanimously elected Speaker of the House of Commons in the Parliament of this Realm, and ten times held the office of Lord Justice of Ireland, being the first to whom both the Sovereign and the People entrusted at the same time the protection of their privileges with the happiest result. As a subject he was loyal, as a citizen patriotic. In perilous times he not once or twice proved that he served his country without forgetting his duty to his King, and served his King without forgetting what was due to his country. Firm, resolute, just, wise, formed by nature for the life of a statesman his administration of affairs was crowned with success to the great advantage of the Commonwealth. He made a modest though splendid use of the great riches he had honestly acquired, distinguished as he was alike for the courtesy, integrity, and munificence of his disposition. Kind-hearted towards all men, he was loyal to his friends whom he bound to himself in great numbers and retained their friendship when once he had gained it. Wishing to do good even after his death, he gave directions by his will that a building should be erected on the adjacent lands for the maintenance and education of the children of the poor, and he endowed it for ever with large revenues. Having lived long enough to satisfy the claims of nature and his fame, he died Oct. 29, A.D. 1729, in the sixty-seventh year of his age. Catherine of the Conyngham family has erected this monument to her most worthy husband."

**Laraghbryan.**

"Here lie interred

The remains of MR. JOHN NELSON of Waterstown  
who died on 19th September 1736 in the 77th year  
of his age.

As also of CATHARINE NELSON otherwise SMITH his  
Wife who died 2nd December 1714.

As also of ANNE CATHARINE and ELIZABETH three of  
their children, who died infants.

As also of another daughter named ELIZABETH  
who died on 23rd August 1748.



Also of another daughter ROSE who died 19th  
of March 1753.

And of another daughter HESTER who died  
16th October 1757.

And likewise of their youngest Son MR. JOHN  
NELSON who died 23rd of January 1760 in the 46th  
year of his age.

And of several of their grand children  
In memory of whom this Stone was placed  
by their eldest son MR. RICHARD NELSON.

Here lieth also the Body of ROSE NELSON  
Daughter of OLIVER NELSON who practised every  
Christian virtue and in her lifetime was as  
much beloved as she is now sincerely Regretted  
Obiit December the 25th Anno 1799

Also ELIZABETH NELSON her beloved niece  
who departed this life the 9th of December 1824  
aged 47 years."

'The above inscription is on a large table-tomb inside the ruins of the church. The townland of Waterstown is not marked on the Ordnance Survey Maps, as it was in the last century included in the demesne and park of Carton (near Maynooth), though the Nelsons still lived on in a small house, which on the death of the last of them was converted into the present ornamental cottage, and is used as a curiosity and shell-house.'

[From Lord Walter FitzGerald.]

### **Church and Castle of Meon.**

[The church was formerly a Franciscan monastery.]

'On a gravestone are the names of O'BRIEN and MORE CULLON, who  
deceased A.D. 1635, and A.D. 1635, PATRICK O'BRIEN.'

[Grose.]

### **Monasterevan Abbey.**

'In this abbey was anciently preserved St. Evin's bell, called Bernan Emhim, which was committed to the care of the MAC EGANS, hereditary chief justices of Munster, and in all causes was solemnly sworn on by the tribes of the Eoganachts.'

[Grose.]

St. Evin or Evan flourished in the seventh century; the abbey had the privilege of being "a sanctuary."

The abbot sat in parliament as a baron. The abbey was granted to Lord Audley, and by him to Adam Loftus, Viscount



Ely ; it afterwards (Mr. Seward says) came into the family of the present Lord Drogheda, one of whose ancestors "beautifully repaired it."

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### Rosetown.

' A very small churchyard, known as that of Rosetown about a mile and a-half west of Kilkea, forms a portion of the mearing fence between the townlands of Rosetown and Dollardstown ; in the "Repertorium Viride" of 1531, it is mentioned as the Ecclesia de villa Dullard, and in "The Royal Visitation Book" of 1615 as the Ecclesia de Dollardston, so that its present name is not correct. There is now no trace of the church, and only seven tombstones are inscribed, four of which are given below :—

"Here lyeth the Body of | RICHARD HOVENDEN who Departed |  
this life the First Day of | May 1745 age 80 years. |  
Also the Body of JOHN | WOLFENDEN who Departed |  
this life 17th day of August | 1733 age 32 years."

' At the head of this tombstone, which lies flat on the ground, is a block of limestone 3 feet long, 2 feet broad, and 1 foot thick, on which is carved in high relief a coat-of-arms, and underneath is incised  
"the Hovendens Coat of Arms."

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"Here lyeth ye Body of | JOHN WOLFENDEN who Departed |  
this lyfe ye 2nd of December 1750 | Age 77 years. Also  
his Wife | SARAH WOLFENDEN who | Departed this lyfe  
ye 6th | August 1784 Age 79 years. | Also his son JOSEPH |  
WOLFENDEN who Departed this | lyfe ye . . February . . . .  
Age 28 | years."

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"Here lyeth the Body of ANNE BURROUGHS | Wife of Mr.  
JOHN BURROUGHS of Clonony and | daughter of ROB. KENNY  
of Rosetown who died | June the 27th 1771 Aged 40 years.  
Also her sons | WALTER BURROUGHS died July ye 27th  
1771 aged 16 yrs., | ISAAC BURROUGHS died August ye  
9th 1771 aged 4 yrs., | WOLFENDEN BURROUGHS died  
Decemr ye 16th 1789 Aged 29 yrs."

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"Here lyeth the Body of JOSEPH | KENNY son of Rob. Kenny  
who | Departed this life the 18th of Novemr | 1754 and  
in the 23 year of his | Age. Here lyeth the Body of LAV- |  
DY KENNY wife to Robert Ken | ny whoe Departed this  
life the 23 | Day of November 1755 | Also the Body of  
HONORETTE EATON Died June 24 aged 56 | 1799."



## HOVENTONS.

See Mr. Daniel O'Byrne's "History of the Queen's County," 1856, p. 146.

He speaks of the Hoventons. Are they the same family as the Hovendens? Mr. O'Byrne is pleased to say that the Hoventons "were not as ferocious or as blood-thirsty as the Bowens and Hartpoles were" . . . .

He adds—"We have a tradition, that the night before the interment of any one of the Hoventons of Tankardstown, in the family cemetery, a light like a flame is usually seen over the remains of the long-departed Hoventons."

**St. David's Church, Naas.**

Built into the outside of the south wall of this church, are two portions of the same monument, now separated, though the one by rights should be fitted on the top of the other.

The upper portion bears the Fisher coat-of-arms:—Ar. on a chevron between three domi lions rampant gu. as many Roundels\* of the first.

The lower portion bears the following inscription:—

"THE : BURIALL : PLACE†. . . . .  
 EATE : OF : CAPTN : | EDWARD :  
 FISHER : ESQ<sup>R</sup> : WHO : DIED :  
 THE : 9<sup>TH</sup> : DAY : | OF : DESEMB<sup>R</sup> :  
 1659 : HE : WAS : MARRIED : TO :  
 MAWDLE | N : MERCER : BY :  
 WHOME : HE : HAD : 2 : DAUGH-  
 TERS : KA | THARINE : AND :  
 ELIZABETH : WHOS : HEERE :  
 INTERR | ED : HE : GAVE : AN :  
 100<sup>L</sup> : OR : ELS : 10<sup>L</sup> : P<sup>R</sup> : ANUM :  
 FOR : THE : | REPAIRING : OF :  
 THIS : CHURCH : & : | "

\* I am not sure what the heraldic name for this ornament is, but it is of the following shape .

+ This word was first of all "and," after which "place" was inscribed upon it; the next word is partially chipped away.



'The inscription is incised, and the coat-of-arms is in relief; the material is of good limestone.'

[From Lord Walter FitzGerald.]

## KING'S COUNTY.

### Clonmacnoise.

(Continued from page 211.)

21. "OR { DO ȝhærl CHIARAN." 'A prayer for MAEL CHIARAN. A Latin cross of two bands with circle at intersection and semicircles at extremities, all filled in with ornament; both the forms OR and OJ̄T are cut on the stone.'
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22. "OR DO ȝhærl p̄NNN." 'A Latin cross of one band,' &c.
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23. " ȝhærl JOHAIN EPS." 'A prayer for Bishop MAEL JOHAIN [now Malone]. This slab is plain, except two very small and plain crosses above inscription.'
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24. "OR DO ȝhærl ȝhjCHL." 'A Latin cross of one band; the cross measures 2 feet by 1 foot 3 inches across the arms.'  
[See O'Donovan's "Irish Grammar," p. 43, for this inscription.]
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25. "[O]R DO ȝhærl PATRJC." 'A Latin cross, &c. MAEL PATRICK was Abbot of Clonmacnoise, and died in 883.'
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26. "OR DO ȝhærl phetJR." 'A Latin cross of one band, &c. He was Abbot of Cluanfert Molua, and died in 925.'
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27. "OR AR ȝhærl CHIARAN." 'A Latin cross, &c. MAEL QUIARAIN or CIARAN was Abbot of Terryglass, in Ormond, and died in 898.'
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28. "OR DO ȝhARTANAN." 'A Latin cross of one band, &c. MARTANAN is the diminutive of Martan.'
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29. "[OR DO ȝhUJR]UDEJC." 'This slab is imperfect, showing part of a richly-ornamented cross covered with interlaced work deeply cut. MUIREDACH, Abbot of Clonmacnoise, died in 1025.'



30. "OR DO ODRAN hallecolus." 'A Latin cross of one band with circle and semicircles filled in with ornament; the cross measures 3 feet 7 inches by 1 foot  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches across the arms. This is a fine specimen, both as regards the cross and inscription.'
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31. "OR DO Th[ad]gan."—THADGAN. 'This cross is a remarkably fine example. Dr. O'Donovan thinks this Thadgan was probably ancestor of the Munster Tadgain or Foxes, of the barony of Kilcoursy.'
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32. "[OR] DO Thucathal." 'A prayer for TOOLE. Slab defective; part of the cross wanting. He was Bishop of Clonmacnoise, and died in 969.'
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33. "OROJ<sup>T</sup> AR  
THURCAIJN  
BAS UN DE  
RNAD JN  
[C]ROSSA." 'A prayer for Thurcain, by whom was made this cross. The cross alluded to in the inscription is lost, the slab being imperfect.'
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34. "TUCANJAL." 'A Greek cross within a parallelogram, &c. Slab imperfect.'
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35. "WAE<sup>L</sup> WICHELL." 'This inscription is not accompanied by a cross.'
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36. "WAE<sup>L</sup> THJNE." 'This inscription also has no cross with it.'
- 
37. "OR D . . ." 'A small Latin cross, imperfect; measures  $10\frac{1}{2}$  inches across the arms.'
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38. 'Inscription illegible. A Greek cross of one band; slab imperfect.'
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39. 'No inscription. A Greek cross of one band, &c.'
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40. 'No inscription. A Latin cross of one band, &c.'

The above are all that are given in this list, but Mr. Graves adds, "I am informed by Dr. O'Donovan that he saw several other inscriptions at Clonmacnoise. They are now probably carried away to some churchyard on the other side of the Shannon—a favourite practice with the Munstermen across the



river, or perhaps they enrich the museum of some land louping 'tourist.'

Mr. Graves adds that it was very desirable that illustrations of all the more interesting varieties of cross-slabs should be given.

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#### LIST OF INCUMBENTS, TAKEN FROM FIRST FRUITS' OFFICE.

"The Rev. PHILIP BARRET, clerk, was collated the 26th day of May, 1743, to the Vicarage of Clonmacnois, in the King's County, and Diocese of Meath.

"STEPHEN BOOTLE, 14th July, 1762, Vicarage Clonmacnois, King's County.

"JOSEPH PASLEY, 4th February, 1763, Vicarage Clonmacnoise, King's County.

"WILLIAM DONALDSON, 7th November, 1764, Vicarage Clonmacnois, King's County.

"JOHN BAILY, instituted 15th December, 1778, Vicarage, Clonmacnois, King's County, episcopally united to Recory [sic] of Ballygart, in County Meath.

"JOHN FITZGERALD, instituted 10th October, 1799, Vicarage Clonmacnoise, County Westmeath."

[Mason.]

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HENRY ROPER, 1810, appears in Erck's Register of 1830.

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#### **Kilcrutten—Tullamore.**

(From A. J. Fetherstonhaugh, Esq.)

"Sacred to the memory of FREDK. WILLM. BARON OLDERSHAUSEN, late a Captain in His Majesty's 1st German Dragoons, Born the 15th of March, 1776, at Verden in the Electorate of Hanover, and departed this life at Tullamore the 22nd day of December, 1808."

"Des Gatten Vaters Treundes Bande Sind fruh Gelost in fremden Lande Schafst Du den erusten Todes schaf Dies monument spriche Keine Luge Den Wahrheit Griffel grub die zuge Du warst Treu bdel Bieder Brav."

#### TRANSLATION.

'The bonds of husband, father, friend are early loosed in a foreign country. Thou sleepest the solemn sleep of death. This monument speaks no lie, the graving-tool of truth carves these lines. Thou wert true, noble, loyal, brave.'



" JOHN ELLIS, dep. Feby. 6, 1780, aged 55 years."

" Here lieth the remains of JOHN ELLIS, who departed this life 6th Feby, 1780, aged 55 years; also his wife HANNAH ELLIS, who departed this life 18th March, 1807, aged 80 years."

" Here lieth the Body of EDITH STOUT, aged 63 years, died 24 July, 1793; also her daughter EDITH KINGWEL, aged 26 yrs., died 6th Ap<sup>r</sup>, 1792."

" Here lieth the Body of THOMAS LARROD, of the 7th or Ps. R. Dr. Gds., Farrier, who depd. this life Oct. 18th, 1780, aged 44 years. Erected by his wife Dorothy Larrod alias Taylor."

## C O U N T Y   K I L K E N N Y .

### Parish of Callan.

(Continued from page 200.)

" No. 7. . . . . ietas vir | THOMÆ GRACE quandâ Rector | de Callan qvi obiit xvi die | mensis Janvarii 1583 . . . . ppeietur Des Amen." " WAT KERIN."\*

'[Here lies] that man of piety, THOMAS GRACE, formerly Rector of Callan, who died on the 16th day of January, 1583, on whose soul may God have mercy. Amen.'

' This is a floor slab in the aisle. There is a raised cross in the centre, at one side of which is sculptured the "lion rampant" of the arms of the Graces, Barons of Courtstown.'

' This is pointed out as the monument of the first Protestant rector of Callan, yet, it is very remarkable, the usual Catholic prayer for the soul departed is found on it.'

" No. 8. Hic jacet Henricus . . . . bran quondam Burgensis ville Callaniæ qui obiit xxi Jun., 1586."

" No. 9. Hic jacet Margarett Ffors . . . . obiit 1601."

" Here lies MARGARET FFORRISTAL, who died . . . . 1601." [?]

' The upper portion of a monument of the Forristal family ?

' The FFORRISTALS or FORRESTALS were numbered amongst the principal gentry of this county, in the reign of Elizabeth. The head of the house

\* The stonemason, no doubt.



was owner of the manors of Kilfera and Ballyfrunk. They are also mentioned in Brewer's "Beauties of Ireland" as having possessed castles at Callan.'

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"No. 10. Hic Jacet Eruditus et Egregius vir Edmundus Filius  
Theobaldi Butler, quondam secundus Justiciarius  
capitalis, Place Dominae Reginæ in Regno suo  
Hibernia, obiit prima die mensis Januarii A "Gra"  
1587. Et Post ejus decessum Rosa Archer ejus uxor  
Hanc capellam et hunc Tumulum, fieri fecit."

'Here lies that learned and estimable man EDMOND, son of Thecobald Butler, at one time Second Justice of the Chief Place in the Court of our Lady the Queen in her Kingdom of Ireland, who died on the first day of January in the year of grace 1587. And after his death, his wife Rose Archer ordered this chapel and this tomb should be erected.'

'This stone now lies on the ground near the side wall of the Mortuary Chapel of the Butlers, now the vestry of the church. It is broken into several pieces. The letters are in the usual old English character. The centre is ornamented with an interlaced cross of a light and beautiful pattern. At one side of the cross are the initial letters E. B., and at the other side R.A. The latter are capitals, most curiously interlaced. A tradesman of the town named John Butler, who traced his descent from the founders, appropriated this stone, and placed it over the graves of his own family, where it now lies. This man, better remembered as "John Butler, the Skinner," was in possession of family parchments, on the strength of which he became a claimant for estates in this locality.'

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"No. 11. Hic jacent NICHOLAUS COMERFORD . . . . obiit 25  
mensis Julius 1597."

'Here lies NICHOLAS COMERFORD who died the 25th of the [month of] July, 1597.'

"This is but the upper portion of the original stone. As the inscription sets out in the plural number, it is most likely the remainder contains the name of his wife."

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### Fiddown.

'The dilapidated parish church of Fiddown was pulled down some years ago, and a new one erected in its place, at Piltown. The old chancel, however, remains, and contains several interesting monuments to members of the Ponsonby family.'



'The first of the series is to the memory of Sir John Ponsonby, the Cromwellian General from the north of England, who seems to have been enriched at the expense of the rightful owners of the property.

1. 'His tomb is a plain slab of Kilkenny marble, inscribed :—

"Here lies ye body of | SIR JOHN PONSONBY | of Besborough  
who | departed this life Anno | Dom 1668 in ye 60th  
year of his age."

2. 'Then comes a tablet of white veined marble, on black Kilkenny marble, embellished with such ornaments as skulls and cross bones, hour-glasses run down, and a grasshopper' (!)

"GULIELMI PONSONBY | vice comitie Duncannon | Quod  
mortuum est | Hic jacet | Depositum | Obiit Die Nov:  
17 An: Dom: 1724 | AEtat 67 | Siste viator | et |  
Memento Mori."

[Kidwell London, fecit.]

3. 'A tablet in black and white marble, with the Ponsonby arms impaling Moore.'

"Here lies ye body of Mary ye wife of the | Honble. COLL:  
WILLIAM PONSONBY of Bessborough | Gran (*sic*) daughter of  
ye Right Hon. ye Earle of Drogh | edah by her Father; and  
of ye Right Honble ye Earle | of Meath by her mother; and  
Her vertues were | suitable to her Birth. She departed this  
life | on the sixth day of May 1713 in ye 52 year of her age."

4. 'A fine marble monument, four Corinthian columns and four pilasters supporting a pediment on which the family arms appear. Below, on a sarcophagus of dove marble, are two portrait half-length figures, hand in hand.'

"Under this marble lie the | Remains of BRABAZON PONSONBY  
Earl of Bessborongh | Viscount Duncannon and Baron |  
Bessborongh in Ireland and Baron | Ponsonby of Sysonby in  
Leicestershire in Great Britain | and of Sarah his wife grand  
Daughter and Heiress to Primate Margetson | The virtues  
of their Private lives need not here be recited | They are  
engraved in the Hearts and Minds of many | who will deliver  
them from one Generation to another | beyond the Duration of  
a Perishable Tomb | This Monument is Erected not as a  
necessary Memorial of them | but as a testimony of Gratitude  
and Respect owing from their Son | William Earl of  
Bessborough | He had the Honor of Serving his Majesty  
King George the 2nd in | several Publick employments and |



great Trust and Dignity | and departed this life July 1758  
aged 81.\* | She in May 1733, Aged 52."

[Inscription in Roman block letters.]

6. 'A Gothic mural monument in Caen stone'

"In memory | of | JOHN WILLIAM PONSONBY | 4 Earl of  
Bessborough | who was born on the 31st of August 1781 |  
and died on the 16th May 1847 while holding the office of  
Lord Lieutenant of Ireland | and of | MARIA | VISCOUNTESS  
DUNCANNON | his wife, Daughter of John Fane | 10th Earl  
of Westmorland | who was born on the 11th May, 1787 |  
and died on the 19th March 1834."

[Inscription in old English letters.]

7. 'On a streaked alabaster tablet, a group of angels and the in-  
scription :—

"Erected by CAROLINE AMELIA | COUNTESS OF BESSBOROUGH |  
in loving memory of JOHN GEORGE BRABAZON PONSONBY |  
5th Earl of Bessborough | who was born 4th Oct: 1809 |  
and died 28th Jany., 1880." | Lord now lettest Thou thy  
servant depart in peace."

8. "In memory | of WILLIAM WENTORTH BRABAZON PONSONBY |  
second son of | John William Viscount Duncannon | and Maria  
his wife | Born Deer. 29th, 1812. Died at sea | on board  
H. M. S. Madagascar | July 8th, 1831 | and was buried at  
Napoli in Greece."

9. "In memory of | ARTHUR GEORGE BRABAZON PONSONBY |  
Fourth son of | John William Viscount Duncannon | and  
Maria his wife | Born May 17, 1820. | Died at Bessborough  
October 6th, 1841."

10. "In memory of | FRANCES CHARLOTTE | Daughter of John  
George Earl of Durham | and wife of | The Honble. John  
George Brabazon Ponsonby | married Sept. 7 1835 |  
Died Dec. 17 1835 in the 23rd year of her age."

\* Extract from Parish Register of Fiddown :—

"Buried July the 5th 1758, BRABAZON EARL OF BESSBOROUGH, who died on  
Tuesday July the 4th at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. His death was occasioned  
by a quantity of cherry stones, which remained in his bowels and stopped the  
passage. Aged 80 years." "Multis ille quidem flebilis occidit nulli flebilior  
quam mihi."



'The above three tablets are of plain black and white marbles. The two following are of brass':—

11. "EMILY CHARLOTTE MARY PONSONBY third | daughter of John William 4th Earl of Bessborough | born 17th February 1817. Died 3rd February 1877." | "Till the day breaks and the shadows flee away."
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12. "In memoriam. | Beneath this stone are laid the remains of | JOHN GEORGE BRABAZON 5th Earl of Bessborough | born Oct. 4th 1809 died at Bessborough Jan. 28 1880. | And also of CAROLINE AMELIA Countess of Bessborough his wife | born 18 June 1819, died at Bessborough 30th April 1890." | "Waiting for the adoption to wit | The redemption of our body."
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13. "In loving memory of | ELIZA CECILIA BRISCOE | wife of EDWARD BRISCOE, Esqr., | late Captain of 41st Regiment (the Welsh), | and daughter of Robert Briscoe, Esqr." | She fell asleep in Jesus at Bournemouth 9th September, 1883. | "Them that sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."
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14. "In memory of | EDWARD BRISCOE | late Captain 41st Regt. (the Welsh), | son of Edward Villiers Briscoe, | of Willmount | born June 2nd, 1792. | Ensign 97th Regt., 1809, engaged at Busaco, Albuhe:a, where he carried the colours, | and the siege of Badahos. | He served as Brigade Major 41st Regt. | in the Burmese War, 1826. Died February 2nd, 1881."

'These last two tablets are of white and black marble.'

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15. 'A white marble tablet on a black ground (Carew fecit, Waterford). On a medallion the figure of a man mourning over an urn. (Guls. Atkinson Londini fecit.)'
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"In the vault | at the back of this lies (*sic*) deposited | the Remains of REBECCA daughter of | the late EDWARD BRISCOE, Esqr., of Garnereea, | and wife of Wm. Osborne, Esqr., of Silverspring | who died in England at the Bristol Hotwells | where she went for the benefit of her health | the 19th of Septr., 1798, aged 33 years and 3 months."

"Fair was her form, | more fair her gentle mind, | Where virtue sense and piety combined | To wedded love gave friendships highest test, | Endeared the wife and made | the husband blessed. | Now widowed grief erects this sacred stone, | To make her virtues and his sorowes known."



16. ‘The last inscription is on a plain black slab, and is of a different character to the rest, but it possesses a certain interest, and as such, though not a “Memorial of the Dead,” may perhaps find a place in the Report.’

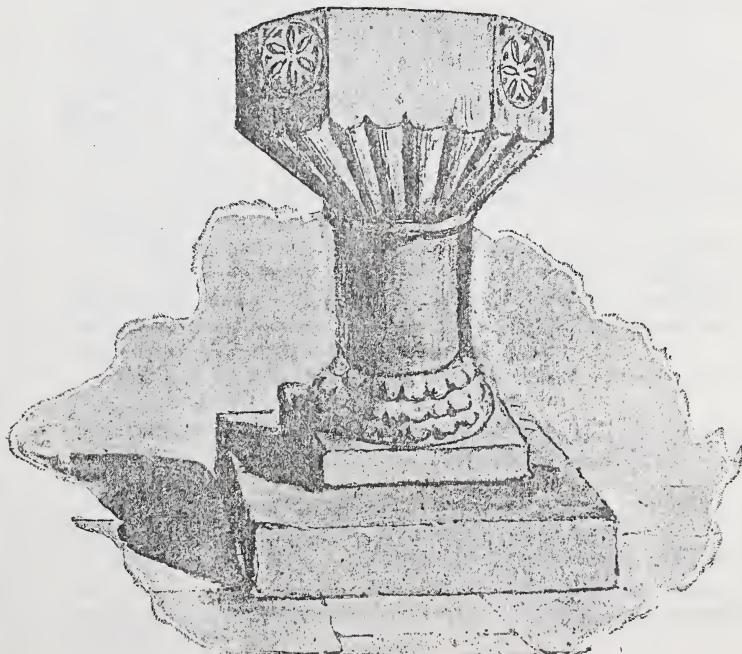
“This Chancel | was Rebuilt and Beautified | by the REV'D.  
ROBERT WATTS, | M.A., Dean of St. Canice, and Vicar |  
of Fiddown 1747 | who after a contest at law | and in  
equity carried on for | ninetgen years, | and fifteen hundred  
pounds expended | by him, recovered the great | tithes of  
this Parish from the | Substractor | for the Benefit of all  
succeeding Incumbents. | Quatenus nobis Denegatur diu |  
Vivere kelinquamus aliquid | quo nos vixisse testemur.”

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‘I may add that there are monuments to the memory of William 2nd Earl of Bessbrough, and of Caroline, his wife, daughter of William 3rd Duke of Devonshire, each having a fine bust by Nollekens, in All Saints’ Church, Derby.’

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‘I subjoin a sketch of the interesting font which was removed from the old church of Fiddown, and is now in that of Piltown’ :—





‘There is a very beautiful monument, consisting of two very fine marble half-length figures of BRABAZON, EARL OF BESSBOROUGH, and his countess, placed on a sarcophagus of Egyptian marble, under a pediment of white, supported by four beautiful Corinthian columns, and four pilasters of Sienna marble.’

[Mason.]

PLATE.

‘The church plate consists of a very handsome silver flagon, paten, and chalice, each piece inscribed’:

“*The gift of the REV'D. ROBERT WATTS,  
M.A., Dean of St. Canice and Vicar of Fiddown,  
1748.*”

LIST OF INCUMBENTS, TAKEN FROM BOOKS OF THE FIRST FRUITS' OFFICE.

“Ann. 1615. Vicaria de floddowne, THOMAS LOYD, vicar, GABRIEL BEVILL, curatus, valor Rect. 2S, valor Vic. 28. No booke.”

“GULIELMUS REDLEYE, institnt. 29 Junii, 1637. ad Vicar de Fidowne, Dio. Ossor. and Com. Kilkenny.”

“JOHES. WILSON, institut. 10 die May, 1662, ad Rector, de Ballytarsny, et Vicar. Eccliae. pochial. de Fidowin, val. £6. 6s. 8d.”

“JOHES. WILSON, admiss. 17<sup>o</sup> die Octobr, 1671, ad Rectorias de Inshiholaghane als Inchywolaghan, val. £13. 6s. 8d., Ballytarsny, val. 60s., Fidowne et Tulloghanebroge et Vicarias de Fidowne, val. £6. 6s. 8d., et Tulloghanebroge, val. £6, infra Dioc. Ossoriens. in Com. Kilkenny.”

“JONES. MULLAN, cler. collat. fuit 13<sup>o</sup> die Junii, 1687, ad R de Bewly, £4 — h, Tubrid et Ballytarsny, £3, et Vicar de Tuperaghney et Fidowne, £6. 13s. 4d. Com. Kilkenny.”

“ROBERTUS WATTS, cler. A.M., collatus fuit 16<sup>o</sup> die Mens. Maii, A.D. 1720 ad seporal, Rectorias de Ballytarsney, Bewley, Tubrid, Tipperaghny, necum ad seperat, Vicarias de Fiddown, Tipperaghny and Castlane, in Com. Kilkenn. et Dioec. Ossor. vacant per mortem naat, Clici. Gul. Kinneer, cler. A.M. ultimi. ibm. incumbent.”

“WILLIAM WATTS, Rect. and V. Fiddown, Rect. Bewley, Vic. same, Rect. Tipperaghny, Vic. same, 9 Jan., 1754.”\*

“SAMUEL MADDEN, L.L.D., instituted 27th July, 1781, R. Fiddown, V. Fiddown, R. Tipperaghny, V. Tipperaghny, Rs. Bewley, R. Tubrid, Kilkenny.”

“HANS HAMILTON, collated 2nd Oct., 1800, R. and V. Fiddown, R. Bewley and Tubrid, R. and V. Tipperaghny, Kilkenny.”

“JOHN KEARNEY, A.B., collated 22nd November, 1806, union of

\* This date [1754] must be wrong, from the entries above given; probably it is a misprint for 1745.—ED.



Fiddow, consisting of R. Fiddown, V. same, R. Bewley, Tubrid, Tipperaghny, V. same, Kilkenny."

"JOHN LESLIE, A.M., collated 6th March, 1807, Union of Fiddown, consisting of R. Fiddown, V. same, R. Bewley, Tubrid, Tipperaghny, V. same."

To the above I can add :—

'JOSEPH SANDYS, collated 29 January, 1808, to the Union of Fiddown, consisting of the R. Fiddown, V. same, R. Bewley, Tubrid, and Tipperaghney, V. of same.'—[ED.]

### Gowran Parish.

In continuation of the articles that appeared in my Reports for the years 1889 and 1890, the Rev. E. F. Hewson has contributed the following additional notes on the Gowran effigy of 1253 :—

'The interest of the vestments will, perhaps, best appear by comparing them with those on the effigy of a bishop in the choir of St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny. [See annexed drawing.] This latter effigy will be found described with a sketch in "The History and Antiquities" of the Cathedral, by Messrs. Graves and Prim, page 182. There has been much uncertainty as to what bishop of Ossory it was intended to represent. Messrs. Graves and Prim merely say that the style of the sculpture and vestments indicate the thirteenth century; and add:—"Perhaps it represents Roger of Wexford, who died A.D. 1289, and, according to Ware, 'in ecclesia sua dicitur humatus.' The late Mr. Hogan, in an article in the first volume of the "Transactions of the Ossory Archaeological Society," argues with much force that the bishop is no other than the notable de Ledrede, a Franciscan friar, who ruled the diocese of Ossory with great vigour during a stormy episcopate, reaching from 1318 to 1360. Mr. Hogan bases his conclusion on three things: the cord round the waist, the sandalled feet without stockings, and the "cassock or





habit" (query chasuble) "open at the top and exposing the neck and upper part of the chest." All three, he says, mark the bishop a disclaed friar; and de Ledrede was the only bishop of Ossory who was a Franciscan.'

"The effigy at Gowran helps to bear out this contention. Messrs. Graves and Prim appear to have mistaken the Franciscan cord of the bishop for his girdle. They say in describing his dress: "We have first the alb, with the tasselled cord of the girdle appearing beneath it." Ralph's girdle is used to confine his alb, and in consequence is worn above it, not beneath it. Moreover, it is a piece of cloth folded into a band about four inches wide, and shews no difference of material from the alb. It is thus entirely unlike the round cord of the bishop, which has tassels attached at the ends, like a bell rope."

"As a further description of Ralph's vestments may be of use in the identification of other effigies, I shall here attempt it. The date of their sculpture is indisputably the middle of the thirteenth century. Of that century Messrs. Graves and Prim lament that its remaining monuments are so few. There remain of them in the Cathedral, they say, but five inscribed stones, and only this one figure. If it be the figure of de Ledrede, as Hogan has almost proved, then it belongs to the fourteenth century, not to the thirteenth; and the figure at Gowran thus acquires additional value as being so rare a thing as an undoubted survival of the thirteenth century, and of the war with the Bruce."

"To make myself clear, I am afraid I must interweave a few remarks on the historical development of ecclesiastical vestments generally; for, like most things ancient, they have had a historical development. They were originally the ordinary garments of the lay people, retained in use by the clergy, on the same principle that the fashions of the time of George Fox were retained by the Quakers. That is the idea that it is unbecoming to the character of a Christian clergyman to be led by the vain and expensive fashions of the world. As time passed on, and the church grew rich, the vestments of the clergy, no less than the dress of the laity, were adorned with gold and jewels, and embroidery to a surprising value; and there was much in the peculiar circumstances of the times to encourage this. In the absence of modern facilities for investing money, it was invested in dress; and churches and ecclesiastics joined in the practice. A rich garment sent by an English king to an Irish prince, was expected to prove an irresistible bribe. An Earl of Ormonde bequeathed his best gown to his eldest son, his second best gown to his younger son, and the rest of his garments to be divided among the churches, especially this church of Gowran and the church at Callan. The second best garments of deceased persons generally, was the fee required for the coveted privilege of being buried within the sacred walls of St. Nicholas' Church, Galway."

"The distinctive garment of the priest was the chasuble. It was the pænula of the ancient Romans, a sort of cloak used for travelling in wet weather. At first nearly circular, it had a hole in the middle to put the head through, and hung loosely round the person, reaching a good way below the knees. It is plain that when the hands were brought forward from beneath a garment of this shape it was with great difficulty, and the



chasuble then fell in ample folds from the lower arm. It is represented on the bishop's effigy as falling in that way, and his chasuble thus appears to be of an early pattern. It was by an afterthought, and at a later period that, to admit a freer use of the arms, the garment was slit up at the sides. A further development was the stitching of the folds into a fixed position to fit the shape; and later still, the garment was cut for the same purpose. Now, two of these three indications of a later date mark the Gowran chasuble, and distinguish it from the bishop's, namely, the slitting of the sides, and the stitching of the folds. And yet, notwithstanding this, as Mr. Hogan must be taken to have shewn, the bishop's chasuble was sculptured at least one hundred years later than the other. We are thus driven to the conclusion, conjectured by Mr. Langrisle in his remarks upon the bishop's effigy, that sculptors did not always represent contemporary fashions. They sometimes copied old models; a useful piece of information in determining the date of ancient effigies.

'A comparison of each of the other vestments on the two effigies will yield, I think, a like result, that the bishop's vestments, sculptured a century later, are of an earlier pattern. The bishop's stole is the older. Both stoles are narrow and without fringes; but the Gowran stole widens towards the end, as does the maniple.

'The bishop's alb is, I should think, older; though it is so covered by the chasuble that but little of it can be seen. It is unadorned by any "apparel," either on the sleeves or on the skirt; but upon the Gowran alb there is a rectangular apparel upon the skirt in front, and perhaps apparels upon the sleeves. What is seen of the sleeves at least appears to be of finer material than the rest of the alb. The parallel incised lines, meant apparently to mark the material, are drawn much closer. I may explain that the alb was of white linen, differing from a modern surplice in having tight sleeves, in being not open in front, and in being confined by a girdle. The apparel was an ornamental addition, consisting of a piece of silk, or other rich material sewn on over the linen. In wealthy churches (for the vestments were not the property of the clergyman but of the church), it was often made beautiful by rich embroidery in gold thread, by jewels, and goldsmith's work. The apparel on this Gowran alb appears to be plain, without any embroidery or jewels; but it was the custom to have at least two sets of vestments in a church, one for festivals and state occasions, and another for ordinary use, and in one of these, the plainer of the two when the other was too costly, the priest was buried.

'The clothing about the neck and throat of the Gowran effigy I am not quite sure that I understand; and I shall be glad if any person will explain it. It seems to me to differ from the corresponding part of the bishop's dress in this way, that, whereas the bishop's chasuble appears to have a turn down collar, low, and loose, exposing the neck, and shewing the amice underneath, the Gowran chasuble has a high, stiff, close-fitting collar, not turned down, covering the neck up to the jaws, and entirely covering the amice, if there be an amice. The amice or amess was originally used, I believe, to cover the head when out of doors, and when reciting the offices it was



turned back over the shoulders. At a later time it appears to have combined the purposes of the neckerchief and the coat collar of our own time, having a flap which turned back over the neck to meet the chasuble, and the ends being crossed over the chest beneath the chasuble. Upon Ralph's breast, just beneath his throat, where the ends of the amice would cross, there is an odd circular protuberance, which I took at first for a piece of cloth sewn on to the chasuble, to prevent it from tearing in the act of putting it on over the head, but it may be formed by the crossing of the ends of the amice under the chasuble.

' This floor slab is well worth preserving as a national monument, is well worth restoring to its place within the church. In 1873, when the choir was admirably restored by my predecessor, the Rev. C. L. Darby, after plans by Mr. Wyatt, he was extremely anxious to replace all the monuments, and intended to have the choir lengthened towards the east, so as to make room for them. Unfortunately most untoward circumstances prevented the lengthening of the choir, and the design of replacing the monuments was abandoned. Although this cannot now be done as one would wish, yet two floor slabs were lately removed from the graves to the tower by the representative of the family to whom they belonged, Col. Lorenzo Rothe. This monument of Ralph could be put into the tower if not into its original place in the chancel, and at the worst all the rest of the displaced and broken monuments might be put together and set up again in the unroofed nave.'

### **Parish of Grange-Silvæ.**

#### **LIST OF INCUMBENTS TAKEN FROM RECORDS IN THE FIRST FRUITS' OFFICE.**

" Grangia Silvæ, Rect. impropriat, no svice : EDWARD BUTLER FITZ-PIERS, of Old Abbey.

TADY CURREN, cte—Mr. JAMES BUTLER—seqves. No curate.

JOHN MILLEY, Rector of Grange Silvæ, 24th Oct., 1747.

JOHN MILLEY, Rector of Grange Silvia, V. of Kilmacahill, and R. and V. of Powerstown, 15th Dec., 1748.

CHARLES NAYLOR, R. of Grange Silvæ, 2nd June, 1766.

CHARLES STONE, and V. of Kilmackill, 3rd July, 1767.

THEOBALD BROWNRIGG, R. of Grange Silvæ, and V. of Kilmacahill, Kilkenny, collated 3rd May, 1799.

EDWARD BAYLY, R. of Grange Silvæ, Kilkenny, collated 10th Sept., 1804." [Mason.]

#### **Additional incumbents :—**

Rev. T. BUNBURY GOUGH, appointed in 1816.

” JOHN FRENCH, appointed in 1820.

” WOLFENDEN KENNY BURROUGHES, M.A., 18 (?)

” JOHN STEUART HICKEY, A.B., R.D., ord. 1844, ind. 1872, the present Rector.



**Kells.**

“ Hic Jacet | THOMAS COOKE, Hujus Ecclesiæ Pastor | vere  
 Revendus | Obit 20th Die Septembris | Anno Domini 1743 |  
 Ætatis sue (*sic*) 63 | Memoriam Charissimi (*sic*) Fratris |  
 EDWARDUS COOKE De Castletown | In Comit Killken  
 Armiger | Hunc Lapidem Locandum | Curavit.”

‘The above is a large gravestone laid on the ground within the area of the old Church of Kells.’

[J. G. Robertson.]

**Jerpoint Parish Church.**

‘The following inscriptions are taken from the enclosed graveyard of the Hunt Family: It is situated in a corner of Jerpoint Churchyard, and is surrounded by a wall about 10 feet high; an iron gate forms the entrance.

‘The church is in ruins, but has been partly repaired by the Board of Works.

‘In a field adjacent is the site of the old town of Jerpoint, of which there are now no traces.

‘In this churchyard is to be seen a mill-stone of Jerpoint town, and on top of which rests a part of the market cross.

‘Also an effigial tomb, which is nearly level with the ground. The effigy is probably that of an ecclesiastic (? a bishop). There is no inscription.’

## INSCRIPTIONS FROM THE “HUNT FAMILY” GRAVEYARD.

“Here lyeth the body of CHRIST. HUNT, | of the City of Kilkenny,  
 Esqr., who depd. | this life the 30th day of November, 1800,  
 Aged 53 years.”

[Altar tomb.]

“This stone is erected in Honor to the Memory | of MRS.  
 MARGARET BOYD, alias HUNT, who Died | 10th of October, |  
 1771, Aged 27 yrs., by her most | Affectionate husband, in  
 testimony of his | sense of her many virtues. She was a  
 faithful | wife, a sincere friend, and a good christian, died |  
 as she lived truly beloved and as justly lamented.”

[Altar tomb.]

“Here lieth the Body of | CHRISTOPHER HUNT of Jerpoint |  
 Esqre who Departed this | Life April the 25th, 1763, |  
 Aged 53 years.”

[Altar tomb.]



"Here lieth interred the remains of MARTHA | wife to the  
REVD. EDWARD HUNT, of Jerpoint | and daughter to Major  
Joseph Greene, of the | City of Waterford, she departed this  
life on | 2nd day of August, 1813, in the 30th year of her | age. |  
Also the Body of her infant son JOSEPH WILLIAM, | who  
departed this life January 17th, 18\*, aged only 5 months. |  
To the left of this tomb lieth the remaius of | REVD. EDWARD  
HUNT, eldest son | of Edward Hunt, Esqre, of Jerpoint,  
who died | on March 18th, 1818, aged 57th years. |  
Also the remains of CHRISTOPHER, 3rd son | of Edward  
HUNT, Esqre., of Belmore, | only son of the above Rev.  
Edward Hunt, | by his first wife Margaret only | daughter  
of John Greene, Esqre., of Greenville."

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"Erected | By | his loving wife and children | to the memory  
of | EDWARD HUNT, Esqre., | of Belmore, | only son of the  
late Revd. Edward Hunt, | of Jerpoint, | Died January 20th,  
1887, aged 77 years. | 'Let my last end be like his.' Amen."

[All upright letters.]

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'An Irish grey granite cross, with annunciation lilies; a stone coping  
round the grave.'

'On front':—

"Sacred | to the Memory of | my husband, | PAUL HELSHAM  
HUNT, | Lt. Col. and High Sheriff for the | County of  
Kilkenny in 1883-4, | who died October 7th, 1889, | aged  
67 years." | "Thy will be done."

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'On the back':—

"Also | To the Memory of | EDWARD JOSEPH HUNT, | Capt.  
63rd Regiment, | who died March 28th, 1870, | aged  
41 years."

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"Here lie the remains of | WILLIAM HENRY HUNT, | of  
Jerpoint House, who died on | 24th day of June, 1837, |  
Aged 49 years. | He was well known as an | upright Magistrate  
of the County of Kilkenny | for 20 years. | Also the body  
his infant son WILLIAM HENRY, | who died May 10th, 1825. |  
To the left of the tomb lie the remains | of his third son  
EDWARD JOSEPH HUNT | late Capt. H. M. 63rd Regt., | who died  
March 28th, 1870, aged 41 years."

[Altar tomb—all upright letters.]

\* A "g" over a "J."



“ This stone erected | by WILM. HENY HUNT, Esqre., in Memory |  
of his father EDWD. HUNT, Esq., of Jerpoint, | who depd.  
this life March 17th, 1810, aged | 72 years. Also his wife ANNE  
and their Daughter ANNE CAULFIELD DUBOURDIEU, | who  
are here interred (*sic*). | Also WILLIAM HENRY, infant son of  
Wm. | Hy. Hunt, Esq., of Jerpoint, who departed | this life  
10th of May, 1825, aged 4 weeks.”

[A tablet in the wall, with an urn on top.]

“ Sacred to the memory | of | THOMAS FITZGERALD HUNT, Esqr., |  
who died the 15th January, 1825, | aged 29 years. | This  
Monument is erected | by his affectionate widow.”

[A sarcophagus-shaped limestone tomb, with large carved urn on top.]

‘ In churchyard near Hunt family enclosure’ :—

“ Here lies the remains of Mr. | FREDERICK HUNT, who departed |  
this life the 5th of January, | 1788, aged 71 years.”

[Altar-tomb.]

[From J. Grove White, Major 57th Regt.]

### Kilfane Old Churchyard.

“ Here lyeth ye Body of MARGARET MOTLEY All. | JONES, who  
died March | ye 3d 1735.”

“ Here lyeth the Body of | The Revd. | M. HARSTONGE MARTEN,  
formerly Minister of the Union of Kilmacow, | who departed  
this life on the 27th of Dec., 1728, in the 37 year of his Age.”

[From the Rev. Geo. B. Power.]

### St. Mary’s Church.

‘ The following inscriptions are from tablets found in the walls of the  
aisle :—

“ Sacred to the Memory | of | Lieut. and Quartermaster DAVID  
MORROW, 57th Regt., | who died at Kilkenny on the 27th  
October, 1851, | Aged 54 years. | This tablet is erected by  
his brother officers | as a mark of respect and esteem | to  
an old and deserving soldier.”

[Upright letters.]

“ To the Memory | of | CAPTAIN JAMES SAMSON, | of | the  
70th Regiment of Infantry, | who fell a sacrifice to his  
zeal | in the service of his country, | on the 6th of March,  
1832, | in the 55 year of his age, | after an honorable  
professional career | of 37 years. | This tablet is erected by  
his brother officers | as a testimonial of their high sense of  
his worth | as a man and a soldier.”

[Upright letters.]



" This monument | is erected to the Memory | of | ENSIGN  
 JOHN WILLM. FREDK. PRETTEJOHN, | late of the 53rd Regmt., |  
 eldest son of John Prettejohn, Esqre., of Harehatch,  
 Berkshire, | who died at Kilkenny 29th March, 1828, |  
 aged 23 years."

[Sloping letters.]  
 [From J. Grove White, Major 57th Regt.]

(To be continued.)

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## C O U N T Y   L I M E R I C K .

### **Parish of Abington.**

Lewis says :—

' Of this parish, that it was anciently called Wotheney or Woney, it attained considerable importance at a very early period, and was celebrated for a Cistercian abbey, founded according to some in 1189, and to others in 1205, and provided with monks from the Abbey of Savignac in France, by Theobald FitzWalter, Lord of Carrick, &c., who was interred here in 1206.'

' The church is a neat small edifice, without tower or spire. The Roman Catholic chapel at Murroe is a large and handsome edifice, built in 1811 and enlarged in 1836.'

On a tombstone in the churchyard, in ordinary sunk letters, no date :—

" If Virtue Be A | Blessing Great, | Here Lieth one | Without  
 Deceit, | WILLIAM TEAT."

' In the same churchyard, on a tombstone adjoining the Barry monument, in sunk Roman capitals :—

I.H.S.

" Here Rest The Remains Of | MACDAVID BARRY, of Farnane, |  
 Who Died The 6th Day of July, 1736, Aged 88 Years. |  
 Pray That God May Give | Rest To His Soul."

[From J. G. Barry, Esq., Limerick.]

### **Askeaton.**

Who is responsible? In the account of the late visit of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland and their friends from Wales to the County Limerick, &c., as reported in the *Irish Times* of 20th August, 1891, I find the following statements, and as too great publicity cannot be given to such a disgraceful and discreditable state of things as therein reported, I have made the extracts:



In speaking of Askeaton, the writer says :—

“The whole abbey is littered with tombstones in the most chaotic and disgraceful condition, so smashed and broken among the crumbling stones of the abbey, that the ground more resembles the unused bed of a quarry than the floor of a sacred abbey. Indignation, sadness, and pity were universally expressed, and the only one great drawback to the pleasure and profit of our trip was our inability, at present at least, to do anything to prevent the destruction which is rapidly bringing our proud ruins to the earth. It is still more sad to think, that the dog-in-the-manger policy of the proprietor prevents the abbey from being taken over by the Board of Works, or doing the work himself.”

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Further on, the same writer, in speaking of the Cistercian Abbey of Monasternenagh, dating from about 1150, says :—

“It is covered with ivy, littered with tombstones, coffins, *and human bones*, and is in a most disgraceful condition.”

When is this state of things to end ?

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### **Parish of Cahircorney.**

‘Near Rockstown Castle, Balinaguard, in the church is a beautiful monument belonging to the CROKER family, with the following inscription :—

“This burying place and monument were both made and erected at the charges of EDWARD CROKER, Esq., for him and his to be deposited in, till the resurrection of the dead, in the year of our Lord 1723, and in the 70th year of his age, being then blessed with a numerous issue of his children’s children, and an honest handsome provision for them.”

“ Which being done, it may be truly said  
He did provide for living and for dead ;  
For which to God be thanks and praises due,  
And the meet help he gave me so to doe.”

Edward Croker.”

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‘At a place called Doon, about five miles distant from Kilkellane, is buried the famous Irish outlaw “Emun-a-Knock,” or Edmund of the Hill, whose song of “Cool ahan das,” so much admired and sung by the Irish, is beautifully translated by Miss Brooke, into “Bright her locks of beauty grew.”

‘In this parish are the walls of an old church, and also a handsome house built by the Boitcheir family.”

[Mason.]



## LIST OF INCUMBENTS, TAKEN FROM THE FIRST FRUITS' RECORDS.

"Ecelia. de Carkorney, rect. impropriat. vic. ibm. DONALDUS MCFEIG."

"RICHUS. MAYNE admiss. 29<sup>o</sup> Junii, 1638, per presentat. JOHANNIS BROWNE, mil. ad vicar. de Cahircorney et Kilkellan, £l. 13s. 3d."

"GEORGIUS BRICE admiss. fuit 17<sup>o</sup> die April, 1661, ad vicar. de Ballynord, Kilrush, Kilkillan, Cahircorney, Any, Ballymonamore, Ballynloghy, et Dunmoore, als. Knocklong, com. Tipperary, et Dioc. predict."

"CONSTANTIN. KIEFFE, cler. admiss. fuit 12<sup>o</sup> die Julii, 1681, ad vicarias de Cahircorney, et Kilecullane dioc. Imolac. et com. Limerick."

"ALPHONSUS CULLEN, collat. fuit 20<sup>o</sup> die Julii, 1681, ad vicariam de Cahircorney et Kilecullane, com. Limerick."

"HENRY BALLY, A.M., Vicar Cahircorney and Kilkelane, 27 Jan, 1758, Co. Limerick."

"THOMAS RYAN, V. Cahircorney et Kilkelane, 9 Aug., 1769, Limerick."

"PATRICK FITZGERALD, collated and instituted 8th Octoober, 1807, V. Cahircorney et Kilkelane, vice THOMAS RYAN, who held from 9th of August, 1769, and vacated by death 11th June, 1807."

[Mason.]

Mr. Fitzgerald appears as Vicar of this parish in Erck's Register of 1830.

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### Kilkeedy Churchyard.

"On a mural monument on outside of ruined church wall, in sunk Roman capitals of same size":—

"SAMUEL COOPER, | OF COOPER HILL, ESQR., |  
DIED NOVEMBER 20, 1779, | AGED 62 YEARS." |  
"OII QUEM DOLOREM."

"WITH FAULTS AS FEW AS HUMAN FRAILTY KNOWS,  
AN HONEST FAME FROM EACH FAIR VIRTUE GLOWS;  
THROUGH LIFE'S WHOLE MAZE HIS VARIOUS CONDUCT SCAN,  
BEHOLD THE FRIEND SINCERE, THE UPRIGHT MAN."

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"In same churchyard, on a tombstone [small Roman capitals]":—

"ERECTED BY JAMES AND MARY BERRY | IN  
MEMORY OF THEIR CHILDREN. |  
DEAR THOMAS AND FRANCES, WE PLACE | AT  
YOUR HEAD THIS TOKEN OF LOVE, ALL |  
THO YOU ARE DEAD TO THIS | WORLD AND  
LIVING IN THE NEXT, | FOLLOWING THE LAMB  
IN HIS | MANCHINNESS OF BLISS." |  
"MAY THEY REST IN PEACE."



**Kilmallock.**

'On the front of the FitzGerald monument':—



From a rubbing sent me by J. H. Weldon, Esq., Ash Hill Towers.

"THOMAS FITZ | GERALD | ESQVIER |  
DIED 1630 | MS IOANE . FITZGEALD |  
RALD . ALS BOV- | RKE . RELICT .  
BV- | ILT THIS . MONVMENT." |

Motto—"COMES VIRTUTIS INVIDIA."

"Envy is the attendant upon virtue."

"Envy doth merit, like a shadow pursue."

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'The above is on the *front* of the tomb, as shewn in the annexed drawing. The crucifixion, with the letters I.N.R.I. at the head, and a skull and cross bones at the feet, all within a round-headed panel, is represented on the west end of the tomb.'

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The old Church of SS. Peter and Paul at Kilmallock, contains a few interesting specimens of altar tombs, the first and most remarkable of which is in the transept, and was erected in 1627 by Walter Coppinger (Knight of the Golden Spur), to the memory of John Verdon and his widow, Dame Alsona Haly, who died in the years 1614 and 1626. [See page 216.] The upper flag, which is of limestone, exhibits a large relief effigy of said Walter Coppinger, here styled "Eques auratus," with the golden spur



prominently pourtrayed. There are also two rudely-carved busts, which, let us hope, are not exactly correct likenesses of the Dame and her spouse who lie buried here.

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'The next, placed at the end of the northern aisle and close to the wall of the choir, has on the front side the family arms, with the motto: "Comes virtutis invidia," and a raised inscription in English, stating that "Thomas FitzGearald Esquier died in 1630;" and "M. Joane Fitz-Gearald alias Bourke, relict, built this monument." The top slab shows a large relief figure of Death with a barbed dart in one hand and a spade in the other, and beneath are the words, "ECCE FINEM." With this the following words of wisdom surround the figure: "SURGITE MORTUI, VENITE AD JUDICIUM. MEMENTO MORI. SIC TRANSIT GLORIA MUNDI." The inscription sets forth that Maurice FitzGearald, armiger, son and heir of the said Thomas, and father of a handsome family ("pulchra prole parens") lies here, and ELENORA FITZGERALD alias FITZHAYRES' widow.'

[See plate, page 441.]

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'The third monument, placed between this and the door of the choir, which is roofed and still used for divine service, bears also the arms of the family, with the motto: "Auxilium meum ab alto," and the inscription in English. The letters sunk in the stone tell us:—

"HERE LIETH THE BODY OF LIEUTENANT  
WILLIAM BLAKENY, OF THOMASTOWN,  
WHO DECEASED THE LAST OF MARCH,  
AN. DOM. 1664."

[J. H. Weldon.]

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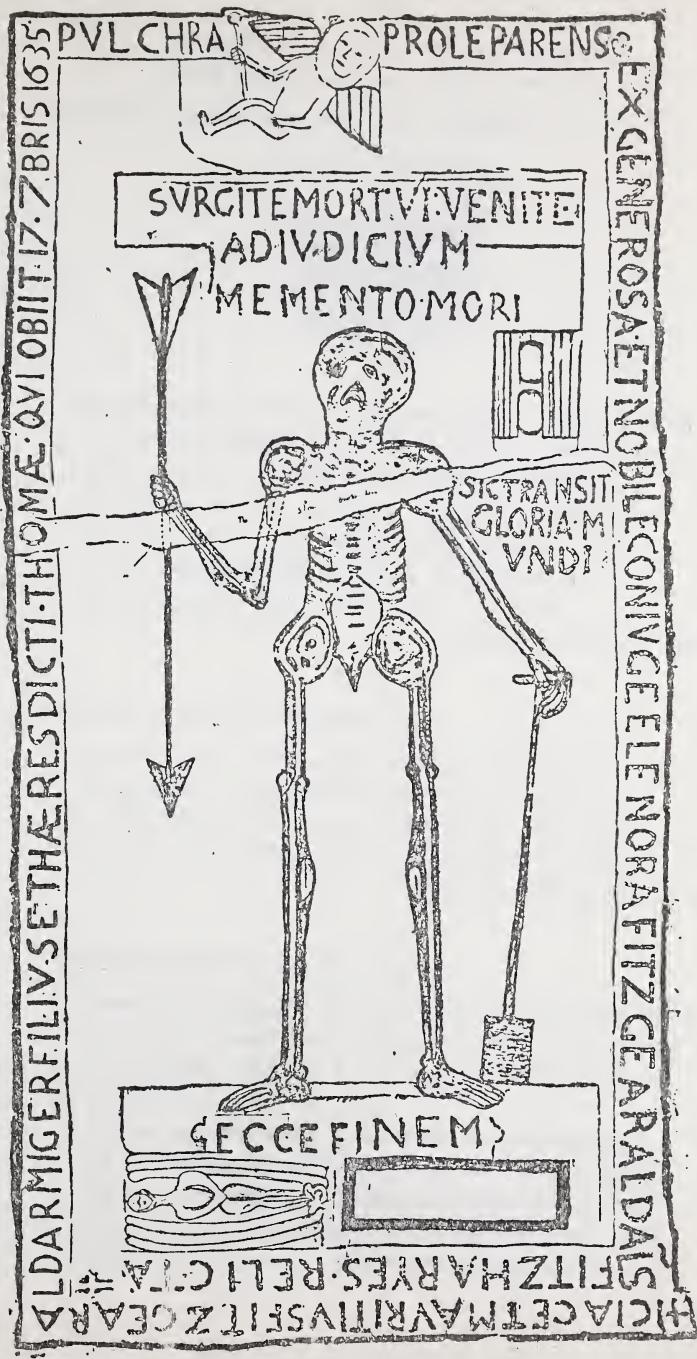
### The Abbey and Graveyard of Manister [Croom].

'The Rev. Father Fitzgerald, P.P., has called and informed me that the old Cistercian Abbey there has been desecrated, and its materials taken away and used in the building of farm houses, &c., and that the graveyard is in an unsafe condition. He wants the place to be protected.'

'This abbey was connected with "Mungret," in far off times, and had 600 monks within its walls, under a mitred abbot.'

It would be well if the local paper were to "put the saddle on the right horse," and say who is responsible for this shameful work. Is the abbey and graveyard under the care (?) of the local Board of Guardians, or in whose hands is it?—ED.







## INSCRIPTIONS IN ROCKSTOWN GRAVEYARD.

[From James Grene Barry, Esq., Limerick.]

'Mural tablet exterior of south wall of old church':—



" HERE RESTS WHAT REMAINS | OF JAMES BARRY  
OF FRYARSTOWN | AND HIS WIFE ANASTATIA. |  
OBIIT MAI 1, A.D. 1819, ETAS 69 YEARS. |  
HE WAS 5TH IN DIRECT DESCENT FROM |  
DAVID BARRY OF FRYARSTOWN, A.D. 1655, |  
AND PROGENITOR OF THE FAMILIES OF  
ROCKSTOWN AND SANDVILLE. R.I.P."

[In sunk inch Roman capitals.]

'On tomb in chancel of old church':—

" HERE LIES THE BODY OF JAMES | BARRY,  
ESQUIRE, OF ROCKSTOWN | HOUSE, WHO  
DEPARTED THIS LIFE | THE 25TH DAY OF  
JULY, A.D. 1828, AGED 57 YEARS. | R.I.P.

[Sunk Roman capitals, 1½ inch.]

'On tomb over vault in churchyard':—

" THIS MONUMENT WAS ERECTED TO THE MEMORY |  
OF JOHN BARRY, ESQUIRE, OF SANDVILLE, WHO |  
DEPARTED THIS LIFE SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1839, |  
AGED 60 YEARS.

" UNDERNEATH REST LIKEWISE THE REMAINS |  
OF HIS RELICT, MARY, WHO DIED | APRIL 1855,  
AGED 75 YEARS. | THEIR ELDEST SON, JAMES  
BARRY, J.P., WHO DIED | SEPTEMBER 2ND, 1856,  
AGED 50 YEARS. | HIS WIFE MARIA née GRENE,



WHO DIED JUNE 2ND, 1878, | AGED 65 YEARS.  
ALSO JOHN BARRY, OF SANDVILLE, | WHO DIED  
NOVEMBER, 1860, AGED 36 YEARS. R.I.P."

[Sunk capitals, 1½ inches.]

INSCRIPTIONS ON ANCIENT CHALICES OF THE IRISH FRANCISCANS  
STILL EXISTING IN THIS COUNTRY.

"*In usum Fratrum Minorum, Limericensium, me fieri fecit Frater FERALLUS, Minorita, 1619.*"

'Br. Ferral, Minorite, caused me to be made for the use of the Friars Minors, Limerick, 1619.'

"*D. ANASTATIA RICE, Tertii Ord. S. Francisci me fieri fecit pro altare Conceptionis B. Virginis, F.F. Min. Limeri. A.D. 1626.*"

'Anastatia Rice, of the Third Order of St. Francis, caused me to be made for the Altar of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin of the Friars Minors of Limerick, A.D. 1626.'

[Rev. C. P. Meehan.]

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## C O U N T Y   L O N G F O R D .

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### Ardagh Cathedral.

"The Cathedral is seated on the north side of the village of Ardagh; it is but very poor and mean." Such is Isaac Butler's account of this Cathedral about 150 years since.

Lewis says :—

'Some remains of the old Cathedral Church [which is reputed to be one of the very oldest in Ireland] are still visible; it was a small edifice rudely built of fragments of rock of a large size. This building was superseded by another church, now also in ruins, and the present edifice was erected near its site. St. Mell was interred here; his festival is kept on the 6th February. He was a nephew of St. Patrick, and is said to have been placed over this church before the year 454, as bishop and abbot.'

'In 1795 [according to Seward], the See extended into six counties; in 1658, it was united to the See of Kilmore, but in 1692 Dr. Ulysses Burgh was appointed to it separately; upon his death it was re-united to Kilmore, and so continued till 1741.'



' On a gravestone near the altar, there is a coat-of-arms (Ker), and the following inscription':—

"Here lieth interred the | Body of the Reverend | JOHN KER,  
Late Dean of | Ardagh, who dyed about the | 78 year of  
his age on March | the 5th, 1701, and his espoused | wife  
Ma——Abet caused | This Tomb stone to be made | Nov. 1701."  
[I. B.]

### **Lanesborough.**

' In this place there is a curious strong bridge of eight well-turned arches, which joins it to the County of Roscommon. Near the middle of the bridge there is a pediment with an inscription and coat-of-arms. Over the arms : "Manus Mulvehill Sculpsit." Motto : "In concussa virtus":—

"This Bridge was built in | the year 1706 Sr. ROBERT |  
NEWCOMEN Barronet and | ANTHONY SHEPARD Esq. |  
Overseers for the County of | Longford when Mr. Sheppard |  
was Soveraigne of Lansborough | And Thomas Kells in ye  
County | of Ardmaugh undertaker."

' On the left side, opposite to the former, which is on the right:—

"This Bridge was built in | the year of our Lord God | 1706,  
HENRY SANFURD | JOHN FRENCH and LEWS. | HAWKS Esqrs.  
Overseers | for the County of Roscommon | and THOMAS  
KELLS in the Coun | ty of Ardmaugh undertaker."

' The fourth bridge or arch divides the provinces and counties.'

[I. B.]

### **Longford.**

' At the end of the town the bridge of three arches is erected, with a coat-of-arms and the following inscription':—

"Hic Pons CAR<sup>lo</sup>. NEWCOMEN tode Ane  
AING<sup>RO</sup> GORDON & SAM<sup>l</sup> FORTH ARM<sup>E</sup>GERIS  
PRÆFECT<sup>s</sup> REÆDIFICAT Fuit Anno D<sup>o</sup> 1718  
RICH<sup>s</sup> Smith Suscepto Lythoclypho."

' In the church, on the right near the altar, on the south wall there is fixed a small monument of white and black marble, with the inscription, as follows':—

"Here lyeth the Body of the Revd. Mr. | JAMES STERLING,  
Rector of this | Church for ye space of 33 years, | who  
dyed the last of Augst, 1693, | Aged 74 years. | And also  
of HELLEN MAXWELL, | his only wife, who dyed March |



ye 2d, 1709, in the 78 year of her age. | Their 5th son Capt. John Sterling, | in testimony of his filial duty & affectn. | caused this monument to be erected."

'On the road near the avenue to Mr. Nugent's house at Temple Foran, are the remains of an old cross, with the following in raised letters':—

"**ORA PRO ANI- I MA . JOANNIS I REILLY  
AN I N ..... 1629.**"

[I. B.]

### **Tashinny.**

'Passing the village of Streamstown, we come to Tershinny town. In the parish church, on a gravestone, is the following inscription':—

"**HER LYETH THE BODY OF I PIERCE  
PETTIT WHO WAS MURDERED I BY  
ROBERT SAMS YE IST OF AUGUST I 1684.  
AND LIKEWISE THE BODY OF ....**"

[The MS. gives no more.]

[I. B.]

Lewis says :—

"The glebe house was built in 1825, at an expense of £923. The church is a small building without tower or steeple, erected about a century ago [1733]. It contains a handsome monument to the memory of Judge Gore."

## **C O U N T Y   L O U T H .**

### **Parish of Ballymascalan** (so called from the Scanlan family).

'On the burial-ground of Foughart Hill, are the remains of an old church.'

'No Irish manuscripts, or any historical documents relating to Ireland, are to be found in the parish.'

'Here are one church, two Roman Catholic chapels, and a glebe of twenty acres, on which is built a glebe-house.'

'No parish register was kept here until the time of the present incumbent' !! [1816].

[Mason.]



### Parish of Clonmore.

LIST OF INCUMBENTS, TAKEN FROM BOOKS OF THE FIRST FRUITS'  
OFFICE.

“ Archiepus. confert. valet £30 per annum, Rector de Clonmore. MR.  
ARLAND, USHER, Recr.”

“ JOHES. LEARNS, cler. collat. fuit 26<sup>o</sup> Junii, 1700, ad rector de  
Clonemore, Dioc. Armachan, com. Lovid, £17.”

“ Revdus. JACOB. STUART, cler. collatus fuit 22<sup>o</sup> die Oct. 1729, ad  
rector. de Clonmore, in com. Lovid, et Dioeces Armach.”

“ Revdus. RICHARD CRUMP, cler. collatus fuit 22<sup>o</sup> die Oct. 1731, ad  
rector. de Clonmore, in com. Lovid, et Dioc. Armagh.”

“ THOMAS FERGUSON, A.M., Rec. Clonmore, 17 Dec. Louth.”

“ JOHN GIBSON, collated 12 Nov., 1777, R. Clonmore, other. Clon-  
more. Louth.”

“ WILLIAM BISSET, collated 24 May, 1794, R. Clonmore. Louth.”

“ SAMUEL GERRARD, collated 15 Sept., 1807, R. Clonmore. Louth.”

[Mason.]

Tomb in St. Peter's Churchyard, Drogheda:—

“ I.H.S. | This Tomb is erected to the memory of the | LEIGH  
FAMILY,\* | Which for many Generations inhabited the |  
Town of Drogheda | In the highest respectability, | But  
which is now totally extinct. | SARAH LEIGH, | The last  
remaining Branch | Of this Stock, | After a Life of 84  
years | Invariably marked with piety to God, | Benevolence  
to her fellow-creatures, | and every Christian Virtue, |  
Departed May the 31st | To her LORD and SAVIOUR |  
In humble but unshaken Trust and Hope | of a joyful  
Resurrection to eternal Life | Thro' His blessed merits &  
infinite mercy, | and was here interred June 5th, 1822. |  
The greater number of those Generations | await under this  
stone | For the last awful summons | LOOKING UNTO JESUS.”

[A flat stone.]

Stone in St. Peter's Churchyard, Drogheda:—

Figure of crucifix and two thieves at head.

“ This stone was erected in | the Family Burial Place by |  
JOHN McCULLIN, of the Town | of Drogheda, who departd |  
This life the 2nd day of Feb., 1799, | aged 40 years.”

“ It Pleased God to Remove | Mrs. ANNE HERON the 1st  
of | November, 1812.”

[From B. R. Balfour, Esq.]

\* B. R. Balfour, Esq., of Townley Hall, is the present representative of this family.—ED.



### Parish of Faughart or Foghard.

#### LIST OF INCUMBENTS, TAKEN FROM FIRST FRUITS' OFFICE.

" RICE Aphugh, Ecclia. de Fagherd, £60. ibidem Mr. Briscoe Cur. 40s."

" GULIEL. SMITH, cler. collat fuit 6<sup>o</sup> September, 1699, ad Rector. de Fagart et Baronstowne, Dioec. Arm. & Co. Lovid."

" GULIEL. CALDWELL, Cler. collat fuit 4<sup>o</sup> die Julii, 1704, ad Rector de Dunbin et Kilcurly, et ad Praebend. ibm. Rect. de Faughart et Barons-towne, in Dioec. Arm. et Com. Lovid."

" RANDOLPH LAMBERT, S.T.D., collat. fuit 28<sup>o</sup> Jun., 1706, ad Vic. Dundalke, Haggardstowne, Rect. Dunbin, Foghart, Baronstowne et Heinstowne, £6 6s. 8d. Dioec. Armagh et Com. Lovid."

" THOM. LEIGH, Cler. collat 9<sup>o</sup> Nov., 1710, ad Rect. Kilenrly, et Praeb. ibm. Rect. Heinstowne, Baronstowne, et Foghart, et Vic. Haggards-towne."

" Rev. GULIEL. WOOLSEY, Cler. collat. fuit 20<sup>o</sup> die Julii, 1728, ad Rector. de Foghart, in Com. Lovid, et Dioce. Armach."

" The Rev. WILLIAM TOD, Clerk, Bachelor of Arts, was collated and instituted on the 6th of May, 1741, to the Rectory of Foghart, in the diocese of Armagh."

" THOMAS WOLSEY, A.B., Rect. Foghart, 24 April, 1754, Louth."

" JAMES HACKET, collated 15 July, 1775, R. Foghart, Louth."

" SAMUEL JACOB, collated 20 April, 1776, R. Foghart, Louth."

" JAMES EASTWOOD, collated 6 Nov., 1797, R. Foghart, Louth."

" GERVais TINLEY, collated 5 May, 1808, vice James Eastwood, who held from the 6th day of Nov., 1797, vacated by death, Rectory Foghart, Louth, n. t." [Mason.]

Mr. Tinley appears as Rector of "Foghard," in 1830, in Erck's Register.—ED.

### Parish of Rathdrummin.

#### LIST OF INCUMBENTS, TAKEN FROM BOOKS OF FIRST FRUITS' OFFICE.

" JACOBUS TISDALE, Cler. institut. fuit 2<sup>do</sup> die July, 1703, ad Rector, de Carrick et Rathdrummine, Vic. de Porte, dioc. Armagh. Com Lovid."

" CHARLES MATURIN, A.M., R. Rath, oerwise Rathdrummin, Carrick, V. Porte, 28 June, 1765, Lowth."

" GEORGE HICKES, instituted Aug. 1776, R. Carrick, R. Rathdrummine, V. Porte, Lowthe."

" WILLIAM OSBORNE, instituted 4 Sept., 1779, R. Rath, oerwise Rathdrummine, R. Carrick, V. Porte."

" ALEXANDER LINDSAY, instituted 18 January, 1793, R. Rathdrummin, £5 4s. Id. Engl., £3 18s. Id. Ir., V. Porte and R. Carrick."

[Mason.]



The following pages are from Isaac Butler's MS. in the Library at Armagh, and are, I believe, now published for the first time. The parishes are not in alphabetical order, but as found in the original MS.

**DULLAGH.**—‘A village west from Drogheda. The remains of an old parish church. Under the east window in the cemeterie (*sic*), a large gravestone with a coat-of-arms. A Lyon passant, &c., and the following inscription :—

“ This stone and burial place belongeth | to ANTHY. WALSH,  
Esq., of Arda, and his | Posterity, who departed this life  
ye 23rd | Day of Decr., 1737. Aged 54.”

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**LOUTH.**—‘In the burying yard there are two sepulchres with doors above the ground for entrance, but low.’

Over one is the inscription :—

“ IN HOC SIGNO SPEAS MEA EST.”  
“ HUNC TUMULUM ERE | XIT DOMINUS GEOR |  
GIUS TAAFFE DERA | NEETY QUI AETATIS | SVÆ  
ANNO 72 EX | HAC VITA MIGRA | VIT DIE 18  
MARTII | ANNO DOM 1723 | ET EUNDREM REPA |  
RAVIT DOMINUS | JACOBUS TAAFFE | DE RANELY  
(*sic*) ANNO | DOMINI 1728.”

The Taaffe arms [gules a cross, arg, fretty az.] are given alongside this inscription in Butler's MS.

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‘On the front of a sepulchre joyning the porch of the abbey church’ :—

“ JACOBUS MATHÆUS | Ps. Ludi De familia | Rogeri Hugonis |  
Juuenis [?] Mathæi | Condidit Hunc Tumulum Anno Domini |  
1762.”

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### Bundalk or Shroad-Bally.

‘At the entrance into the town there is a charity school, as appears by the following inscription in golden letters over the door’ :—

“ This School was founded | at the sole expence of the |  
HONBLE MRS. ANNE HAMILTON, | for the Education of  
Twenty | Boys & Twenty girls, 1726, | And improved into |  
a | Charity Working School 1738.” | “ Train up a child  
in his youth the way he should go in, | And when he is  
old he | will not depart therefrom.”



‘ On a tomb in the cimetere (*sic*) of the parish church ’:—

**“THIS MONUMENT WAS ERECTED  
THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 1588, BY  
THE APPOINTMENT AND AT THE  
CHARDG. OF SIR JOHN BELLEW,  
KNT. AND DAME ISMAY NUCENT  
HIS WIFE FOR THER BURIAL  
UNTO WHOM GOD BE MERCIFUL.”**

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‘ On a gravestone, near the former ’:—

**“HERE UNDER LYETH | THE BODY  
OF JOHN MORTIMER OF DUND- |  
ALKE ALDERMAN | WHOE  
DEACESED THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
MAY | ANNO DOMINI 1634, UNTO  
WHOSE SOULE THE | LORD HAVE |  
MERCIE : WHO HAD TO WIFE |  
JENNET BRADY.”**

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‘ CARLINGFORD.—On a gravestone there is the following inscription’:—

“Underneath | this stone lieth the | Body of LIEUT. LIONEL |  
SEAMAR, of Lieut. Jno. [Gen. ?] Kerrs | Regiment of Foot, who |  
Died the 27th of March, | 1726. Aged 46 years. He |  
was born at Skidmore Upton, | near Warminster, Wiltshire. |  
He served his king and country faithfully. He lived well |  
beloved, and dyed much lamented.”

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‘ GARLAND’S TOWN, at present called CASTLE BELLINGHAM.—In the middle of the town there is a large lime tree, with iron hedge about it, and seats at the bottom or root, whereon a copper plate are ingraved the following lines:—

“This Tree Planted by T. B. 1693.”

‘ Circumference 15 inches at 26 inches from the ground, and the frame and plate repaired by H. B. 1734.’



'In the CHURCH of Castlebellingham on a gravestone':—

"Here lieth ye Body ye RED. DOCTOR | THOMAS COX, Rector  
of Killincool | & Derver, aged near 44 years, who | Died  
the 10th of Janry, 1711. Also his son | Thomas, who  
deceased Febr. ye 20, 1706."

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'On a gravestone, whereon there is a copper plate fixt and an inscription in two divisions to the memory of Dr. Gwither':—

"Hic Situs est | CAROLUS GWITHER | Collegij SStæ et  
Individuæ Trinitatis apud Dublinensem | Almus | Qui  
cum genio suo obsecundaret | Rei Medicæ operam  
dedit | Brevisque ad summam illius apicem | Est Enitus |  
Per sedicem annostum in urbe Dublinensitum in Agl- |  
Medicinam Factiat avit | Plures Quotidie Samblati rectiluit |  
Et morborum omne genus rara felicitate | Profligairit |  
Te indem Vero quasi metuesent hostes | Hydrops gangrena  
palpitatio cordis | Una hominem | sunt Adosta | Cumque  
diu Solios restitisset."

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'On the right side of the plate':—

"Detectis eorum omnibus insidijs | Impar tauto certamini |  
Succubuit | Tu autem viator cum hac legeris | sic cogita |  
Omnibus Mori Semel | esse destinatum | Nihil contra hanc  
legem | Quatere | Ingenium Prudentiam Scientiam | Licet  
usu et exercitatione | Consummatam | Hoc unicum restat  
solatium | Spes Beatae resurrectionis | Quam tu dum tempus  
est | Amplexere | Obiit fere quadragenarius Vi- | cessimo  
octavo die Aprilis, Anno | Domini MDCC." |

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"Monumentum ei posuit ALICIA CLERK, soror ejus unice dilecta."

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'KILLSARAN.—Half a-mile from Garlandstown is the old parish church of Killsaran. At the east end of the church, in a wall, made for the purpose, there is fixt in it a plate of black marble with the following inscription':—

"As a grateful acknowledgment | this monument was erected |  
by LAW<sup>CE</sup> STANLEY, of Draugheda, Apothecy. | Here lyes  
the Body of LAW<sup>CE</sup> | CALAN of Killseran, Gentl., who |  
dyed July the 22d, 1732, aged | 74 years. Also MARY  
his wife | and HENRY his elder Brother. | Also JOHN STANLEY  
of the Holy | Order of St. Dominic, and MA- | RY his wife  
sister. Also FRANCIS ST | ANLEY, mother of ye said John  
and | Mary. Also PATK. younger brother | of ye said  
Laurence."



**Dunleire.**

'At the east end of the church, without the walls, there is a tomb enclosed with rails; on the cover, a coat-of-arms—Gu, a bend engrailed, or. (?) between 3 leopards' faces, jessant-de-lis, az.—and inscription to the memory of Esquire Tenison':—

"H. G. I. [? T.]

HENRICUS TENISON Armgr. Ricdr. Midens | Episc: filius qui  
Duce Ormondio | Debuit Q. . . . Fisci Hibniæ. commissarijs |  
Fuerit Lætis omnium suffragijs | qd. sit miles ad Parliamentu  
Com | Lovid cl. at sibi qd. utrumq meruit iæ | cui nil majis  
cordi erat quam Eccles | Populi q salus Patria fidus, sibi |  
constans obiit (vir desideratissimus) | die 22do Fbus. An.  
Dom. 1709, Ætatis 42.

Exuvia uxoris ANNÆ (nullus-non | virtutibus ornatæ) a  
puerpetio | matura morte abseptæ die Xmo Jan. | An Dom.  
1708, Ætatis 32. | Sub hoc marmore sunt juxta sitæ."

## TRANSLATION.

'Henry Tenison, Esq., son of Richard, Bishop of Meath. To the patronage of the Duke of Ormonde he owed his office as Commissioner of the Treasury in Ireland. To the unanimous votes of the constituency he owed his seat in Parliament as Knight of the Shire for the County Louth. To himself he owed his meriting both honours as being a man whose dearest object in life was the safety of Church and State. To his country he was loyal. To himself he was true. He died, amidst universal regret, Feb. 22, A.D. 1709, aged 42.

The remains of his wife Auna, a lady endowed with every virtue, are laid beside him, beneath this monument. She died suddenly, in child-bed, January 10, 1708, aged 32.'

**Termonfeckin.**

'On the south side of the chancel of the parish church, there is fixt in the wall a large plate of black marble, with the following inscription':—

"P. M.

GULIELMI BRABAZON | Armigeri | Ex antiquo Comitis de  
Meath stemd ie | Ortum Ducenti | Vititam vicino quam  
amico & conhus | charissimo | Humanitatis in singulos |  
Ægenos Præsentim & violatos | semper Benigni | Qui in  
nefretidem incidens | Lethali Calculo | visceribus pertinet  
cisen adhærescante | Imperatem celo reddidit animam |  
Anno Ætatis LVI. | cuius Exuvij | Hoc quale cong. amoris  
& observantio—monumentum | statuit Dilectissima Fidissima |  
& Moestissima conjux CIV. | Anno Dom. MDCCIX."



'The tomb is below the plate, without any coat-of-arms, but the following lines on the side thereof' :—

" Within this tomb lieth | the Body of WILLIAM | BRABAZON,  
Esq., who | departed this life | the 1st day of May, | 1714,  
aged 46 years."

### **Beauly.**

'At a short distance from St. Laurence's Gate, there is the remains of an old abbey, which the inhabitants call Corde, or the Nuns' Walk. It has been a place of great interment, as appears from the fragment of a fine tomb, all destroyed. What was remaining is as follows' :—

" Hier under lieth the corpes | of CHARLES . . . RENS  
second | Brother to the Lord Baron | LOWTHE & MARGARET  
ELCOCK his wife."

C † L

M † E

[I. B.]

## **C O U N T Y   M A Y O .**

### **Burrisheole Abbey.**

"Orate pro anima Davidis oge Kelly qui me  
fieri fecit sibi et heredib (?) suis. Anno  
Dni. 1623 et ei (?) uxoris Arrabla Barrett."

'The above inscription is carved in relief, in Old English letters, on the front face of an altar, or box, tomb within the ruins of Burrisheole Abbey.'

[From Lord Walter FitzGerald.]

### **Parish of Burrisheole.**

#### **COPY OF INSCRIPTIONS ON TABLETS IN NEWPORT CHURCH, DIOCESE OF TUAM.**

"Mortal pause, and contemplate the inscrutable decrees of the Almighty God, whose will has consigned to the tomb, while yet in the vigor of life, JAMES MOORE O'DONNELL, Esqr., second son of Sir Neal O'Donnell, Bart. As a son, as a husband, as a brother; as a patriot, his conduct stood the test. The tears of his friends have evinced his value, the regret of his country has recorded his integrity; in arduous times he proved his loyalty to his king, in corrupt ones he supported the independence of his country. And as he



lived a man of honour, so he died\* a man of courage, on the 24th day of September, 1800, in the 36 year of his age. This monument is erected to his memory by his affectionate Father."

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"Consecrated to the memory of COLONEL HUGH O'DONNELL, eldest son of Sir Neal O'Donnell, Bart. His patriotic conduct in public life kept '*place*' (*sic*) with his observance of the social duties and his *punctuous* (*sic*) observance of honorable engagements. As a soldier, he knew his duty to his king; as an Irishman, he felt his duty to his country: in both capacities the principles of a gentleman signalized his conduct. He died the 1st of September, 1798, equally lamented by an attached people and affectionate parents. This monument is erected by his unhappy parents as a memorial of their deep regret and parental affection."

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"Sacred to the memory of MRS. MARIA BROWNE, wife of Dodwell Browne, Esq., Rahins, who departed this life the 22nd February, 1809, in her 36 year. She was a fond and most dutiful child, an affectionate good wife, a most tender and attentive mother, and a most amiable good woman; her parents have to deplore the loss of the best of children. This monument was erected by her disconsolate Father, Sir Neal O'Donnell."

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"In memory of MATHIAS DE BILLE, Captain in the Royal Danish Navy. Born in Denmark, February 14, 1736. Died at Newport, Ireland, March 17, 1782.  
Captain Mathias De Bille, in command of H. D. Mjs. Frigate 'Bornholm,' left Copenhagen for the Danish West India Islands December 14, 1781. The frigate took the route north of Scotland, encountered tempestuous weather in the Atlantic, lost in a hurricane bowsprit and foremast, and suffered other damage. The frigate, driven by the storm towards the north-west coast of Ireland, narrowly escaped being wrecked on that shore. Succeeded, however, Jan. 17, 1782, in reaching Newport, where she remained to repair damages, till ordered back to Copenhagen in August that year.

A malignant fever had during the voyage broken out among the crew; a large building then standing on Melcomb Point was converted into a hospital for the crew of the frigate: many of the sailors who died from the fever lie buried by the water side in a field that adjoins the hospital.

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\* Fought a duel, and was killed.—S. J.



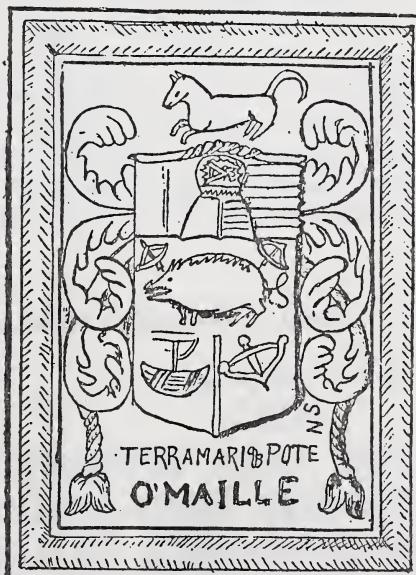
Captain De Bille caught the fever, and died in the town of Newport. He was buried March 19, 1782, with all military honours, in the old parish churchyard of Newport.

A corps of Volunteers, under the command of their colonel, Sir Neall O'Donnell, Bart., furnished the guard of honour at the funeral.

This tablet has been erected A.D. 1876 to the memory of his grandfather, by Torben De Bille, who in the years 1860–1865 filled the post of His Danish Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of St. James's."

The above inscriptions have been kindly contributed by the Rev. Samuel Johnston, Rector of Burrishoole.

In my Report for the year 1888, I have alluded to the then disgraceful state of the tomb of Grace O'Malley. It is with great pleasure that I am now enabled to give an account of it, which I am sure will please the hearts of all well-wishers of the work I am engaged in. Through the kindness of Mrs. W. E. Kelly, of St. Helen's, Westport, I also give the annexed sketch of the crest, arms, and motto on the tomb, from a drawing made on the spot last autumn by Mrs. W. E. Kelly. The following is the description I received of it:—



Scale 1 inch to a foot.

The monument is now in a very good state of preservation, and I am glad to say the abbey and graveyard are

"It is a tablet, about 4 feet in height and 3 in width, fixed in the north wall of the abbey. The motto 'Terra Marique Potens' is cut, as shown, with the last two letters turned up vertically, for want of room. There is, unfortunately, no date, and people even say that 'the Queen of the West' was not buried here, but at Carrigahooly Castle."



now protected by a good wall; but skulls and bones are still lying about, exposed (!)

Some of the coloured grotesque figures on the groined ceiling, under the tower, are still perfect.

It may not be uninteresting to add here a short sketch of Grace O'Malley, better known by the name of "Granaule," and whose exploits in the sixteenth century are traditionally preserved in Clare Island,—her stronghold, the harbour for her fleet, and the site of one of her castles.

This extraordinary woman was the daughter of Owen O'Malley, and widow of O'Flahertie, two chiefs in this part of Connaught. After the death of O'Flahertie, she married Sir Richard Bourke, called "Mac William Oughter," who died in 1585.

She was high-spirited, bold, and adventurous, and at an early age became fond of a maritime life. She was ever foremost in danger; and her fame for intrepidity was such, that Lord-Deputy Sydney, writing to the English Council, observes: "O'Malley is powerful in galleys and seamen."—[Lewis.]

In "Lodge," vol. ii., p. 327, ed. 1754, will be found reference to this remarkable woman. He calls her "Grany-my-Male," i.e., Grace O'Maley, and says her father, Owen, was of the "Owles," a tract of land in the County Mayo. She had three sons and a daughter. The eldest son was Sir Theobald Bourke (called Tibbot-na-Lung), for further information of whom the reader is referred to "Lodge" and other writers.

#### **St. Patrick's Cathedral, Killala.**

"H. R. I. P.

R.P.

HENRICUS HALL SSTD. ET |  
HUJUS OLIM NECNON ACHAD |  
DIOEC: EPISCOPUS INSEQUIS,  
QUI | OBIIT JUNII 19 ANNO DNI  
1663. |



HENRICUS AULEUS | NUNC VERE  
 SALVUS | SUM CINIS, HIC QUA  
 SUM: SED ET HIC | CINIS EMPTIS  
 CHRISTI EST | : CŒTERA QUA  
 MEA PARS, PARS | MEA CHRISTUS  
 HABET.” “

## TRANSLATION.

Henry Hall [Sacrosancte Theologia Doctor], D.D., and formerly the illustrious Bishop of this Diocese and of Aghadoe,\* who died the 19th of June, Anno Domini 1663. I, Henry Hall, now truly safe, am ashes here where I am, but even this ashes is the purchased possession of Christ, where the rest of my being is, the rest of my being Christ possesses it.

‘The above is inscribed in raised capital letters. There is no coat-of-arms on the stone.’

‘Hall was an Englishman, educated at Oxford; he became chaplain to the Duke of Ormond; in 1643 he became a Prebendary of Blackrath in Ossory.’

‘On 13 March, 1643, he was made Dean of Cork, and in 1647 he resigned this prebend and was appointed Precentor of Christ’s Church Cathedral.’

‘In 1660, he was consecrated Bishop of Killala in St. Patrick’s Cathedral (Dublin). He died in 1663, and was buried in his Cathedral, where his tombstone still remains with the above Latin inscription.’

‘He was a Prebendary of St. Michael, Dublin, 1642–1647.’

[*Irish Builder*, vol. xxxiv., p. 84.]

‘Killala is rated in the King’s Books at £23 6s. 8d.’

**Abbey of Urlare** [or Urlaur or Orlare].

PARISH OF

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‘On the south wall of the chapel is the following inscription’:

“Pray for the soul of PATRICK DUFFY and CATE his wife, and the father and BEAS DUFFY and their family, who made this in the year of our Lord 1719.”

\* He was Bishop of Killala from 1660 to 1663.



‘ On the dissolution of religious houses, Urlare was granted to Lord Dillon. Here are the graves of many principal families in these parts, such as the NANGLES, Lords M’COSTELLO, PHILLIPSES, M’DONELLS of Sliemiew, GRADYS, FITZGERALDS of Loghegin, M’JORDANS of Kerieghter, &c.’

[Mason.]

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The “Nangles” founded a monastery here for Dominican friars [*circa* 1430]. This family, Seward says, afterwards took the name of Costello. On the dissolution, this monastery was granted to Lord Dillon.

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## C O U N T Y   M E A T H .

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### Parish of Ardbracean.

NOTICES FROM MASON’S “PAROCHIAL SURVEY OF IRELAND,” 1814, vol. i.

‘ In the churchyard of Ardbracean there is an old square tower, surmounted by a spire and vane, erected in Bishop Maxwell’s time.

‘ Bishop Montgomery’s monument is in the churchyard. The figures carved thereon, representing the bishop, his wife, and daughter, are some of the rudest productions of the chisel that can be well conceived.

‘ Underneath these figures on the pedestal are the words “surges, morieris, judicaberis,” and in this order. Over them is a Latin inscription, purporting that the monument, having suffered from the devastations of time, or, rather, sacrilegious hands, was repaired in the year 1750, and that the bishop, who was of the house of Eglington, was promoted to the see in 1610, and that he died in 1620. The original inscription, which is on the east side, written as on the two opposite pages of a book, is to the following purpose :—

“ DEO & EPISCOPO MIDENSI  
POSUIT GEORGIUS MONT-  
GOMERIUS SCOTO-BRITANNUS  
DIVINA PROVIDENTIA EPISCOPUS  
MIDENSIS & CLOGHERENSIS,  
ÆTATIS SUOE 51.”

‘ On this side is a bust, with three plumes surmounted by a mitre, and over the mitre is a cup, with the figure of the sacramental bread or wafer, used in the Church of Rome ; underneath the bust are two swords, laid across, interspersed with fleurs-de-lis, and under all “1614.”



"On the west side is an angel sounding a trumpet, and a shield with armorial bearings, and the motto, "non nobis nati"; underneath these is the legend "repose" S. M. (Sarah Moutgomery, the bishop's wife). The shield is on this side, also surmounted by a cup, and the figure of the sacramental bread. The original inscription, if written with any precision, shews either the low state of ecclesiastical revenues at that time in Ireland, when, for the support of one bishop, it was found necessary to unite two of the richest sees, or that the pusillanimous and pedantic James indulged in Ireland also, his passion for accumulating favours on favourites.

"On the south side of this monument is inserted a small slab, in memory of that great traveller, Bishop Pocock, who died in 1765. By a strange fatality, indeed, it has fallen to the lot of a most "unlettered muse" to record the place where are deposited the remains of this amiable, learned, and charitable prelate."

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The following is a List of Incumbents, taken from the books of the First Fruits' Office:—

"HENRICE COTTINGHAM, institut. fuit 7<sup>o</sup> die Junii, 1681, in rectoria de Ardbrackan, Com. Mid." N.B.—He also held the archdeaconry in the same year.

"JOANNES CHETWODE, institut. fuit 7<sup>a</sup> die Octobr, 1681, in rectoria de Ardbrackan.

"ROLANDUS SINGLETON, cler. institut. fuit 14<sup>o</sup> Martii, 1733, ad Vicar. de Ardbracan et Martry, et ad Rector. de Rataine Leskartan Dioec. et Con. Midd.

"LEWIS GAILLARDY, instituted the 6th of March, 1741, Rector and Vicar of Ardbracan, and Rector of Liscartan in the County of Meath.

"WILLIAM TISDALL, Rect. Ardbracan or Loughbacan, Vicar same, Rector Liscartan, Rector Rhedoyn or Rhatayne, Vic. Martry, 6th July, 1751.

"WILLIAM FOSTER, instituted 17th May, 1770, R. Ardbracan, V. same, R. Liscartan, R. Redayne or Rataine, V. Martry.

"RICHARD MOORE, instituted 22nd August, 1780, Rector and Vicar of Ardbracan, with the parishes thereto united."

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#### COUNTIES OF MEATH AND CAVAN.

#### **Parish of Bailieborough, otherwise Moyboleague.**

List of Incumbents, which can be traced as early as the reign of James I.:—

"GEORGIUS CREIGHTON, admis. quart. Octobr., 1619, ad vicar. de Moyboleague et cur. de Lorgan.

"Epus confert vicaria. de Moybolge.

"TERENTIUS CONNYNE, vicar, 1634.



"**MANUS MC. AWLEY**, institut. etus Februar., 1640, ad prd. vicar de Moybolge.

"**PATRIC. MAXWELL**, collat. fuit 22nd July, 1673, ad rectorias de Killan, Knockbride, Killinkeere, in dioc. Kilmore."

[Here occurs a chasm of many years.]

"**RALPH GRATTAN**, rector de Moybologue, 28 Nov., 1745.

"**WILLIAM COSBY**, R. and V. de Moybologue, 18th March, 1754.

"**JOHN HANDCOCK**, R. and V. de Moybologue, 21st August, 1773.

"**JOHN BROUGHAN**, R. and V. de Moybologue, 3rd May, 1778.

"**JOHN GUMLEY**, ins. 22nd Dec., 1798, R. and V. Baillieborough, alias Moybullock, vice John Broughan." [Mason.]

Erck, in his Register for the year 1818, gives the date of the Rev. John Gumley's appointment as 1808; this may be a misprint for 1798, as above; and the same is repeated in his Register for 1830.

### **Parish of Kells (?)**

[Crest and arms.]

"**ELIZABETH NICKELSON WIFE OF JOHN MOLLOY**  
DIED 1712.

**HENRY MOLLOY, SON OF JOHN, DIED 1796.**

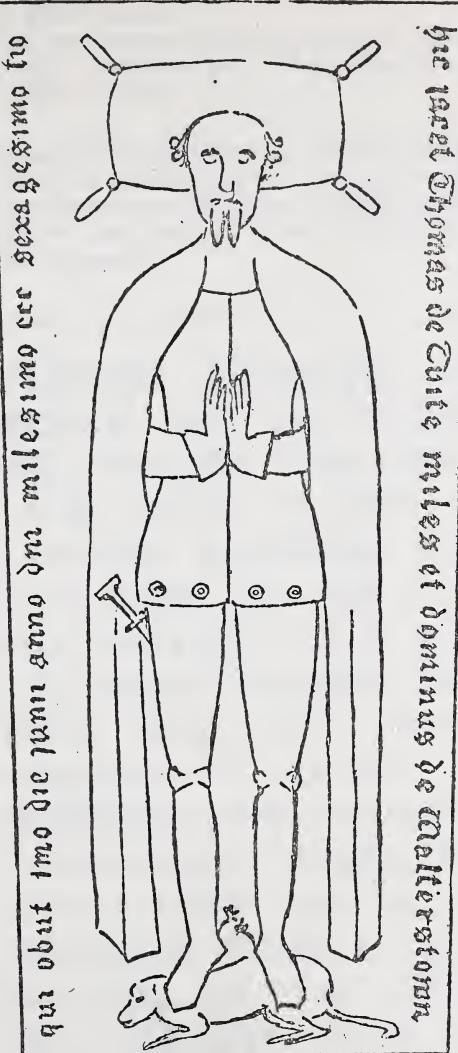
**EDWARD MOLLOY ESQ., SON OF HENRY, CAPT<sup>N</sup>  
IN THE KELLS CORPS OF YEOMANRY &  
SOVEREIGN OF KELLS DIED 1814.**"

[G. V. Du N.]

\* This parish is partly in the barony of "Lower Kells," County of Meath, and in those of Castlerahan and Clonkee, County Cavan, 11½ miles N.W. of Kells.—[Lewis.] The present church was "in course of erection" in 1837, when Lewis wrote.



## At Kentstown.



Of the **TUITE** monument, Mr. J. H. Moore writes:—

"Cogan says this monument is to Thomas Cuit, 'who died 14—, and that Cuitrath is called after the family.' There is no Cuitrath, but there is 'Tuiteragh,' and the name is certainly Tuite. Though all that side of the inscription is greatly obliterated, the other side is plain enough. I can only see three C's [in the date], but there may have been a fourth, but I doubt it. The figure is well preserved."

The annexed plate represents this ancient tombstone. I have to thank Mr. J. H. Moore, of Navan, for the original drawing from which this plate is taken.

The inscription is:

"**hic jaet Thomas de Tuite miles  
et dominus de Walterstown | qui  
obiit imo die junii anno dñi millesimo  
ccc sexagesimo tio.**"



**Navan.**

‘ Novan ecclæ B : Mariæ.

‘ Rect., Rex. Patronus.

‘ Rectoria erat, integre appropriata Monas : B : Mariæ de Novan, nullum h'eus Vicarium perpetuum proc : 01 lb. 06s. 08d. Synod xiid nec in primitiis, nec in xx<sup>a</sup> parte.

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“ In cœmiterio hujus Ecclæ est monumentum lapidium ejusdem Abbatis in conventu ibi. Iesus. in uno latere sculpturas sex Apostolorum, et ex alio latere sex aliorum, sculp : in Capite pingitur Xtus pendens in Cruce cum muliere ex utrâque parte eum plangente.”

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‘ In ye body of ye church this inscription is on a tomb’ :—

“ EDMOND MANNING OF YE  
NOVAN AND MARGARET HIS  
WIFE CAUSED THIS MONUMENT  
TO BE MADE IN MEMORY OF  
PATRICK MANNING AND HIS  
WIFE ANNE TRAVES [FATHER  
AND MOTHER TO S<sup>D</sup> EDMOND]  
AND MARY WARREN HIS FIRST  
WIFE, WHO ARE BURIED  
TOWARDS Y<sup>E</sup> PULPIT. PATRICK  
MANNING AND HIS WIFE LIVED  
TOGETHER 30 YEARS IN JOYFULL  
AND HAPPY STATE AND  
CHANGED THEIR LIVES, VIZ.,  
PATRICK Y<sup>E</sup> 1<sup>ST</sup> OF JANUARY  
1597. HIS WIFE ANNE TREAVES  
Y<sup>E</sup> 17 OF MARCH 1611. MARY  
WARREN FIRST WIFE OF Y<sup>E</sup> S<sup>D</sup>  
EDMUND Y<sup>E</sup> 13 OF 7<sup>BR</sup> 1613.”



“GOOD AND CHARITABLE READER  
 PRAY FOR Y<sup>M</sup> AND THEYR  
 POSTERITY, YT GOD RECEIVE  
 Y<sup>M</sup> AND EVERY OF Y<sup>M</sup> TO Y<sup>E</sup>  
 JOYS OF BLISS. AMEN.

Y<sup>E</sup> 19 FFEB : 1616.”

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‘Round about ye foot of ye pulpit’:

“ORATE PRO ANIMABUS RIPPERI  
 SMYTH ET CATHERINÆ  
 GARORAN UXORIS EJUS, QUI  
 HOC FIERI FECERUNT AN: DNI.  
 1490.”

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‘In ye chappel on ye side’:

“Hie jacet Venerabilis Vir JOHES MAW, hujus capell fundator,  
 et ALICIA WHITE uxor ejus, cum corum germine, quorum  
 aiabus propitietur Deus.”

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‘On ye tomb in ye upper chappel’:

“HIC JACET VENERABILIS VIR  
 JOHES WAKELY, ARMIGER, ET  
 CATERINA RAWSON UXOR EJUS,  
 QUORUM AIABUS PROPITIETUR  
 DEUS OBIIT 2 9<sup>BR</sup> AN DI 1570.  
 EGO THOMAS WAKELY ET  
 MAUD HANKORE HOC FIERI  
 FECERUNT.”



'In ye middle chorus at ye foot of ye arch':—

"JOHES hic jacet NANGLE sub marmore, qui in sudore suo  
vescebatur pane debito protoplasti cum JOHANNA NANGLE  
corumque germine, qui quieverunt post occasum sub . . . . ."

TRANSLATION.

'Here lies John Nangle, who for Adam's sin ate bread in the sweat of his brow, and also Johanna Nangle and their children, who fell asleep after his death . . . . .'

"HÆC PAROCHIA CONTINET 1500A ET  
EXTENDITUR IN NOVAN, BALRESK,  
RALOUGH, BALLYMACRATH, KNOCK-  
CUMBER, BALLYBATES, PER LRAS PATENT  
21 CAR. I. FOL. 16. FIT RECTORIA ET ROQ  
PUTTOCH CONSTITUITUR PRIMUS RECTOR  
EIDEMQUE SUCCESSORIBUS CONCEDENTER  
OES XMS IBM, SUB REDDITU I2LL SINE  
MODIIS GRANI DIMISSA ERAT RECTORIA  
UNA CUM CLONMACDUFF PRO 40 ANNIS  
JOH WAKELY IS. JULY 8 ELIZ:  
INCIPIEND: MICH: 1592. SUB REDDITU  
21LB. OGS. OSD."

[End of p. 43 in Bishop Anthony Dopping's MS., Marsh's Library, Dublin,  
Class V 3, Tab. I., No. 3.]

[Copied by the Rev. Wm. Reynell, S.T.B.]

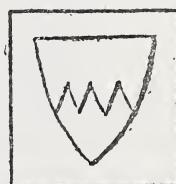
The FONT is octagonal,  $10\frac{1}{2}$  inches high, and the same in width. There is no hole in it.

On one side is a shield, thus—

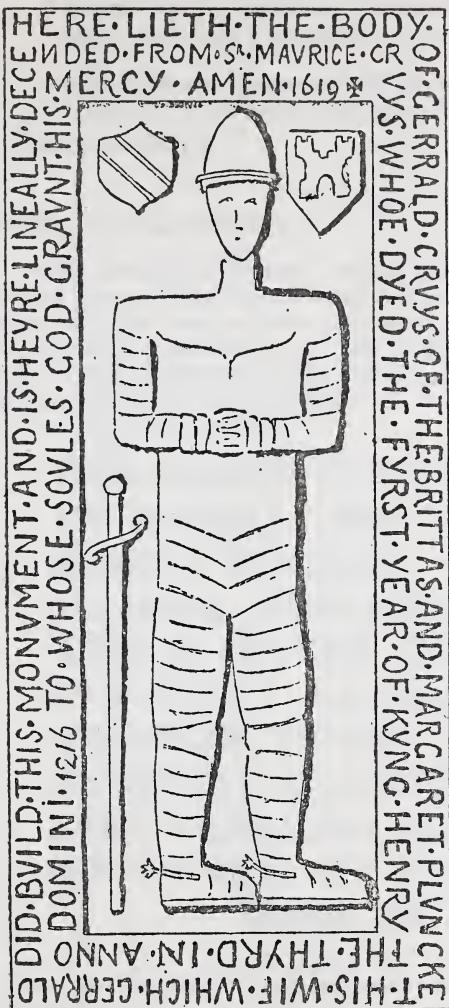
And on the opposite side, a cross and the date, on a similar shield :

"IN HOC SIGNO VINCES 1716."

Mr. Moore says the work is very roughly done. The shields are in relief; also the cross. The letters are incised.





**Nobber.**

The annexed plate, from a drawing to scale by Mr. J. H. Moore, of Navan, gives a very faithful representation of the fine monument to GERRALD CRYS and his wife, in Nobber burial-ground. The inscription has already been given in the Report for 1888, page 27.

**Parish of Stackallen (?)**

From a scroll below a coat-of-arms, over the door of this parish church, Mr. Du Noyer gives the following inscription:—



“ Scutū barnabe barnewelle | Militis sedam Just de  
baeo | capit regis | Margareta plunket sūt | ux.”

“ Scutum Barnabe Barnewelle | Militis Secundam judiciari |  
de banco Capitale regis. | Margareta Plunket fuit uxor. |

[Date, *circa* 1490.]

[Du N., 1845.]

**Slaine, otherways Bolsage.**

‘At the south side of the town, over the banks of the Boyne, there is a small old stone building which is called “Hermitage.” It consists of two chaples and a low tower or castle in the center, which divides the chaples, but have a communication by an arch under the castle. In the east chaple there is a large raised tomb, with a coat-of-arms and inscription to the memory of the Ld. Baron of Slaine.’

‘Arms and mottoe on cover’ :—

“ THIS MONUMENT WAS ERECTED  
BY RANDAL LORD BARON OF  
SLAINE, MARRIED FIRST TO  
ELLINOR BARNEWALL, WHO  
HERE IS ENTERD, DAUGHTER TO  
S<sup>R</sup> RICHARD BARNEWALL OF  
CHRICKES TOWNE KNIGHT &  
BARONETT AND AFTER TO THE  
LADY PENELOPE MOORE [dau.  
of the (?)] EARL OF DRAUGHEDA  
ANNO 1667.”

‘Upon the south side of the said tomb there is a coat-of-arms and inscription’ :—

“ THIS IS THE COAT OF HENRY  
MOORE EARL OF DRAUGHEDA  
AND DAME ALICE SPENCER  
HIS WIFE WHOSE DAUGHTER  
PENELOPE MOORE IS SECOND



WIFE TO RANDALL LORD BARON  
OF SLAINE. THE SAID DAME  
ALICE SPENCER DAUGHTER TO  
WILLIAM LORD BARON OF  
WORME LAYTON WHOSE SON  
BEING KILLED AT NEWBERRY  
IN HIS MATIES SERVICE WAS  
BEFORE BY CHAS<sup>S</sup> THE 1<sup>ST</sup> HIS  
SAID MATIES CREATED EARL OF  
SUNDERLAND. MOTHER TO  
THE S<sup>D</sup> DAME ALICE WAS  
PENELOPY WRIXTHSLY  
DAUGHTER OF HENRY EARL  
OF SOUTHAMPTON WHOSE  
BROTHER THOMAS EARL OF  
SOUTHAMPTON SON OF THE  
SAID HENRY WAS CREATED L<sup>D</sup>  
HIGH TREAS<sup>R</sup> OF ENGLAND  
AND DIED ANNO 1667."

[I. B.]

**Temple Shavagne**, within three large miles of Slaine.

'There is a large gravestone and a coat-of-arms, with an inscription round the edge in church text hand, but so worn, no sense can be made of either. There is another near it to the memory of EDWARD BERRILL and family. "He departed this life the 3rd of May, 1740, aged 84."

'On the south side, close to the outer wall of the church, there is a cross of one entire limestone. It is between 6 and 7 feet high, and the shaft 5 inches square. On the west side of the cross there is a crucifix, "I. N. R. I." over it, and below this inscription':—

"THIS CROSS | WAS EREC | TED BY THE |  
R N D | FATHER PHIL | LIP REILLY |  
ANNO DOM | 1711."



## C O U N T Y M O N A G H A N .

## P a r i s h o f E r r i g a l - T r o u g h .

The Reverend R. S. Maffett has sent me the following interesting notes connected with this county:—

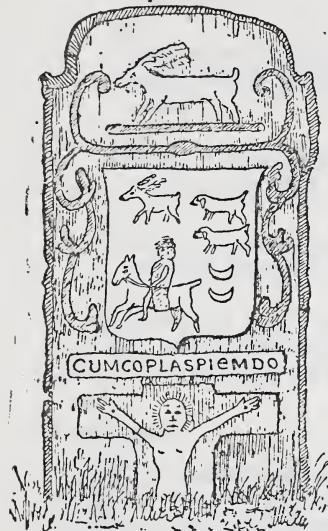
‘The annexed rude sketch, by Mr. Hannington, taken about 1840, represents the arms adopted by the M’Cannas, of Errigle, in commemoration of a hunting exploit of the head of that family, known as HUGH

M’KENNA, or properly M’CANNA, of Lis Kein (or Fort of the Knife). Tradition represents him as a huntsman of uncommon determination. His story is as follows:—Being of a hunting party at Trim, a deer of uncommon size was roused and started in a northerly direction, and the result was a day’s hunting of very desperate character, but on the approach of night all the huntsmen and their dogs, save Hugh M’Canna and his two trusty hounds, abandoned the chase, but he still continued to follow the game through the night and all through the following day and night. On the second morning of the chase, he and his gallant horse and hounds, though sorely spent with toil, ran into the deer on a hill above the old church of Errigle, where M’Canna despatched his hard-won prize with his hunting knife. Consequently the hill and fort still bear the name of

Lis Kein, or Field of the Knife. The deer, in his arms, represents the animal roused at Trim; the two dogs, his faithful hounds; the two moons represent the two nights during which he maintained the chase; and the figure on horseback represents the huntsman and his gallant steed. Of the Irish motto, I am unfortunately ignorant.\* The sketch is taken from the headstone at the grave of the identical Hugh M’Canna, now standing in the churchyard of the old church of Errigle.’

In speaking of the M’Kenna’s tombstones, Mr. Maffett, quoting from O’Donovan, says:—“All the M’Kenna tombstones, except the very modern ones, exhibit the [family] arms

\* This motto is Latin, not Irish, and should read “CUM COPIA SPLENDOR.”





exactly corresponding to those represented [in the annexed plate] on an old tombstone in the churchyard of Maghera."

The number of hounds varies.

O'Donovan also gives the following inscription from Errigal-Trough, all of which, I believe, are named by Mr. Shirley in his History.

The following are the oldest inscriptions at Errigal-Trough :—

"*Pr. TULLIUS KENA jacet in hoc tumulo, qui obijt 3 Decembris anno 1698.*"

"*Hic quoque tumulatae sunt reliquiæ Revi. TULLI M'KENNA nuper pastoris de Errigal qui obiit 27° die Octobris 1764 ætatis 56.*"

"*Pater PATRICIUS TRENER me fecit sibi et suis, qui obiit 1 Novembris 1711.*"

"*Ilic jacet JOHANNES TRENER vicarius de Iregal qui obiit tertio die Novembris anno 1714.*"

'Mr. Shirley has more stops ; omits "sunt," in second inscription ; and has "3tio" for "tertio" in last. He has "obiit," in first ; but O'Donovan seems to have corrected this form to "obijt."

### Tedavnet.

'With respect to Tedavnet old church, O'Donovan says all the walls are down, "with the exception of a piece about 6 feet by 4, which forms a monument of one of the ROBINSONS, which, I was told in Donagh, was the monument of Ross More M'Mahon. There is no believing what the country people say."

'This piece of wall Mr. Shirley also mentions, giving the Robinson inscriptions ; but also in his book a legal paper which shows that M'MAHON was buried in the old church, 1638.'

### Tullycorbet.

'The only notice of inscriptions, &c., which Mr. Shirley has not given is the following with respect to Tullycorbet old graveyard :—"Nothing curious in it, except a few headstones exhibiting the name of LENNON, an ecclesiastical family of some note in Oriel."

'Mr. Shirley says, "Nothing of interest now extant," except a large stone . . . . "to a family of the name of JACKSON," &c.

'These are the only three parishes with notices of tombstones, &c., (as above) in O'Donovan's Letters, on County Monaghan, which I could find.'



**Killany.**

' Churchyard at Ballymackney, in Killany parish—tombstone, with arms':—

" Here lyeth the Body of | WILLIAM TENISON Esquire | who departed this life | On the 2nd day of April 1750 | Aged 35 Years."

' Mr. Shirley makes the O, A, and Y small, in two last lines, besides additional pointing; length of lines same.'

" Here lies interred the Body of Mrs. FRANCES CARY, | relict of the Revd. Oliver Cary, of Munfin, | County of Wexford, and daughter to Col. Wm. Southwell, | late of Ballymackney in this County. | She departed this life at Monalty, on the 26th day of Jany., | A.D. 1804, aged 90 years."

" Here lies interred the Body of NORMAN STEELE,\* Esqre., | of Monalty in the County of Monaghan, | who departed this life, on the 15th day of May, | A.D. 1802, aged 48 years. | Also the body of Mrs. HARRIET STEELE, | Relict of the abovementioned Norman Steele, | and daughter of the late Revd. Oliver Cary, | of Munfin, County of Wexford, by Frances his wife. | She departed this life at Monalty, on the 5th day of | April, A.D. 1808, aged 53 years."

**Donagh.**

' GLASSLOUGH CHURCH.—A dark stone, laid in the floor of the aisle, on which is the following inscription':—

**"MEMENTO MORI.**  
**HERE LIES THE BODY OF MATTHEW  
 ANCKETILL ESQRE| OF ANCKETILLS  
 GROVE WHO IN THE 37 YEAR OF  
 HIS AGE| WAS KILLED AT GLAS-  
 LOUGH IN DEFENCE OF | THE  
 PROTESTANT RELIGION AND  
 LIBERTY OF HIS COUNTRY |  
 MARCH THE 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNO 1688."**

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\* ' Norman Steele, Esq., was agent both to the late Marquis of Bath and the late Evelyn Shirley, Esq.; and his skill in agriculture, and the courage and determination which he evinced in suppressing the Rebellion in 1798, are still deservedly remembered to his honor.'



Length of lines not observed as in Mr. Shirley's book, where they are shorter; in latter all in capitals of same size. Differences beside pointing: Esqr., 37th; Glasslough—18th. V stands for U. "Country" has no "O."

"Mr. Shirley says, "On a black stone slab, formerly in the centre of the church, now set upright at the south side of the entrance door beneath the tower."

"I may mention that Mr. Shirley has a fine engraving of a stone slab I have often seen in the vestibule of the church of Monaghan (where my uncle was curate, and afterwards rector). It is to the first of the above Irish family of Acketill (he came from Dorsetshire), "1666." I remember my uncle telling me it was found on the building of the present church, which is on the site of the old church."

"There is a painting of a very interesting stone, locally, I think, called "Peter's Pillar," with Irish inscription, in "O'Donovan's Letters on Armagh," the only thing in this way I came across for the county. There are ten crosses on one side and three on other (front), as corrected by communication of "C. Elcock, 1886." It is called the *Kilnasaggart stone* (Jonesborough Parish.)

#### INSCRIPTIONS ON TOMBSTONES IN PARISH CHURCHYARD OF INNISKEEN.

"In capital letters, on a stone above the open entrance into a ruined mortuary chapel in this churchyard, is this inscription":—

†  
I. H. S.

**"THIS CHAPELL WAS | BUILT BY  
ARDELL M | AC COLL MAC MA |  
HON FOR HIMSELF AND HIS  
FAME | LLY IN THE YEAR |  
ANNO DOM. 1672."**

"On headstone at west end of this chapel we read":—

†  
I. H. S.

"Here under entered lyeth | The body of the Reverend Fa |  
ther BRYAN MACMAHON, who | Departed this life May the  
16 | th, and in the 25th year of his | age, Anno Domini 1715."

"A flat stone in the adjoining vault bore this inscription (according to the late E. P. Shirley, M.P., in "Territory of Farney," 1845), but the stone is not now (1891) in that burial-ground.—W. H. B.":—



"Here lieth the body of the Revd. Father Ross McMAHON,  
Doctor of the Canon & Civil Law, Lord Abbot of Clounish,  
Vicar General of the Diocese of Clogher, Rector of Donamaine  
and Enniskeen, who departed this life June the 6th, 1722,  
aged 72 years. Requiescat in pace."

'Perhaps this stone was removed to the burying-ground of Donamoyne,  
after the separation of the parishes.—W. H. B.'

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'On a flat tombstone lying to the west of the McMahons' vault is inscribed  
what follows':—

"Sacred | to the memory of the | Revd. BERNARD McMAHON,  
Sec. Priest, | Born at Castlering and | educated in Lou | th.  
He completed his Collegiate course | of Divinity, &c., at  
Antwerp. | Was affiliated into and made a Canon | of the  
Archdiocese of Dublin, | where he died | at his Chapel in  
Hardwick Street, | on the 20th of Sept., 1816, in the 80th  
year of his age. | His numerous literary works, | as Author  
and Editor, | will continue more lasting monuments | of his  
multifarious learning, | than this frail stone, | erected to his  
memory | by his affectionate Niece, | Margaret McMahon.  
Requiescat in pace."

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'Side by side of the foregoing slab, is the following, inscribed on a flat  
stone':—

"Erected | by Miss Jane McMahon, to the memory | of her  
dearly beloved sister MARGARET, who departed | this life  
5th January, 1843 [?], aged 49 years. | To her Father  
MR. COLL McMAHON, | who departed this life 20th November,  
1820, | and also her Mother, Mrs. ALICE McMAHON, |  
who departed this life, 12th October, 1837.

Distressed to part, but welcome be the call  
Of God, who one day will unite us all."

'At foot of this stone—"Requiescant in pace. Amen."

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'On a flat stone, on north side of the church, is the following inscription':—

"Here lye the remains of BRABAZON NOBLE, of Donamoyne,  
Esq., who was born the 20 of April, 1700, and died the  
2nd Oct., 1766 ; and MARGT. (CLEMENT) his wife, who  
died the 11th of Oct., 1777 (?), aged 66 ; and of THOMAS,  
his son, who died 27th of April, 1780, aged 46."



‘ On an adjacent flat tombstone, may be (with difficulty) read :—

“ Here lieth the body of MRS. ANN | NOBLE, wife of ADAM  
NOBLE, of Long | field, in the County of Monaghan, |  
Esq., who departed this life the eighth day of May, 1773,  
in the | 43rd year of her age, | and also three of her children,  
Mary, Louisa, and John.”

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‘ A short distance from the “ Noble ” family-ground, there is a flat stone, having the coat-of-arms and (ostrich) crest of MacMahon sculptured at the top, with the inscription (very much defaced)’ :—

“ Here lies the body of ANTHONY, | only son of PATRICK  
MACMAHON, | of Te . . . gr . . . , who departed | this life the  
. . . day of December, | 1767, in the | . . . year of his age.”

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‘ On north side of the short walk from the entrance gate to the church, a large flat stone bears this inscription (at head is a circle enclosing the three letters I. H. S.)’ :—

“ Here lieth the body of Mr. RICHD. KINDRICK, late of  
Haggardstown, in | the County of Louth, Gent<sup>m.</sup>, who |  
Departed this life the 5th of June, | 1786, aged 5(?)2 years.”

‘ The 5 in 52 age is doubtful.—W. H. B.’

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‘ On the west end of the Cemetery (beside the county wall of the sacred enclosure), between the old Round Tower and public road, is a walled in piece of ground belonging to the HUGHES family, in which were interred the sisters of a recent incumbent, who placed a neat marble memorial over their grave, with these precious words to record their faith and hope, and the consolation afforded to their surviving brother and sister, both of whom have since joined the waiting church in Paradise’ :—

“ ALICIA and MARIA McCORMICK | Sleep here in Jesus, |  
Feb. 1880.” “ We have a good hope | because of Thy  
word.”—“ St. John xi. 26, 7.”

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‘ There is a stone cross, in a conspicuous place, built into a wall on the county road, not far from the church of Inniskeen, which (I have been told) had been formerly in the churchyard, bearing this inscription’ :—

†  
I. H. S.

“ This C | ros was | erected by CAPTAIN COLL | MACMAHON,  
as a memorial | of Himself and his | Family, desires ye |  
prayers | of all the | faithol | Christia | Ns, Sepr. | 2 Ano.  
Do. | M. 1729.”

‘ At foot is a figure of an ostrich, the heraldic bearing of the MacMahon family.’



## CHURCH PLATE BELONGING TO INNISKEEN PARISH.

'Inscribed on (a large) chalice':—

"*The gift of the REV'D. THOS. NORMAN  
to the Church of Inniskeen, April 1st, 1770.*"

'On the paten, the words':—

"*The gift of the HONBLE. and REV'D. GEO.  
GORE to his Parish Church of Inniskeen,  
Ann. Dom. 1807.*"

'An alms dish (electroplated) has the following inscription round the border':—

"*A parting gift from REV. CANON W. H.  
BRADSHAW, Incumbent of Inniskeen, 1880-91.*"

'The remaining inscriptions are copied from the late Mr. Shirley's History, or "Some Account of the Territory or Dominion of Farney, in the Province and Earldom of Ulster." London, 1845.'

'Under date of 1452, Irish Annals, the Four Masters, is to be found the following entry':—

"MacMahon (Hugh Roe, son of Rory), a wise, religious and hospitable man, a man well versed in all the sciences, a man of valour and dignity; died on the Paschal night in his own house in Lurgan,\* and was buried at Clones; † and Felim, son of Brian MacMahon, was inaugurated in his place over Oriell."

**Parish of Magheracloone** (Dio. of Clogher, near Carrickmacross).

'On a flat stone, nearly defaced, in the aisle of the church, is the following in capital letters':—

**"HERE LYETH THE BODY OF |  
JOHN DOBBS WHO DEPARTED |  
THIS LIFE MAY THE 17<sup>TH</sup> 1679. |**

\* "Lurgan, in Farney, to the west of the town of Carrickmacross."

+ The burial-place of the MacMahon family at Clones, is described by Sir Charles Coote, in his "Survey of County Monaghan," as "a great tomb or stone coffin, which has always remained over ground, but firmly fixed with earth and stones around it; the stone of which it is composed is a very strong rock, and there is no other coffin or any corpse which is in it. The coverlid is very heavy, and shaped angular, like the roof of a house, with two small pillars arising from the ends; on each side of this cover is a very antique inscription, but the characters are almost entirely defaced."



MORTUUS. | LOCKT UP IN  
 HOPEFULL SILEN | CE HERE I LYÉ,  
 WHAT ONCE I | WAS OTHERS  
 MAY TELL, NOT I. | TUMULUS. |  
 WHO ERE [sic] THOU ART HERE  
 I | PROTECT THE DUST | OF ONE  
 WHO WAS KNOWING, KIND |  
 GENTLE, AND JUST; | THE HEART  
 THAT GRUDGES | THIS TO HIM  
 THAT'S GONE, | IS HARDER  
 MUCH THAN MINE, | THO' THAT  
 IS STONE.”

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‘On an altar tomb may be read the following’:—

“This monument was erected | by the REV. FAR. SILVESTER  
 M’MAHON, | in memory of his father Ross MC | MAHON,  
 who departed this life | Jan. ye 25, 1772, aged 103 years. |  
 Also of his sister ROSE M’MAHON, | who departed this life  
 July ye 3rd, 1774, | aged 54 years. | And Mother MARGARET  
 M’MAHON, | alias CLINTON, who departed this | life  
 January ye 5th, 1776, aged 84 years. | Also the above  
 REV. SILVESTER M’ | MAHON, who departed this life  
 Jan. 7th, | 1814, aged 98 years, in which time | he had  
 served 58 yrs. as Pastor of | Magheracloone.”

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‘In Magheracloone burial-ground is an inscription in the Irish character, to the memory of NI. GORMAN, A.D. 1733.

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### Rossory Parish.

‘The following inscription is on a gravestone in the old churchyard of Rossory, diocese of Clogher, in which parish the celebrated Royal School of Portora is situated, near Enniskillen’:—

“Infra conditum quod mortale est | REV. ANDREÆ O’BEIRNE,  
 LL.D., | nuperrime Scholæ Regiæ | juxta ENNISKILLEN, |  
 rectoris, | qui annum jam xvi. aegens | PORTORÆ, | obiit |  
 die xxix. Aprilis, | A.D. MDCCXXXVI., | ÆTAT. |



LXV., | humillime sperans ; ut CHRISTI particeps per  
SPIRITUM promissionis sanctum effectus, | in DIEILLA ULTIMA, |  
una cum iis, quos heic amat, | inter hos recensebitur ; |  
quibus | timentibus DOMINUM et cogitantibus nomen ejus, |  
coram Eo Scriptus est liber | monumenti. |

אָלֹהִים יְתַדֵּת בְּפָשָׁע  
מֶת  
"מִרְשָׁאָל ב' יְקַتبָּי"

[From the Rev. Canon W. H. Bradshaw.]

## QUEEN'S COUNTY.

### Parish of Aghaboe.

‘The chalice belonging to the church has this inscription’ :—

“*Ex dono URSULAE CARPENTER, viduae  
IEHOSCHWHAE CARPENTER, nuper de  
Sigginstowne, in com. Kildare, armig. ecclesiæ  
parochiali de Aghaboe, 14 Maii, 1663,  
DANIELE NILAN, sac. Theologiæ doctore  
Rectore.*”

‘The paten has only the word “Aghaboe” on it.’

‘This Nilan, or Neylan, was son of Dr. Neylan, Bishop of Kildare, who died in 1603; he was Dean of St. Canice in 1667, when the Earl of Ormond made a lease of the rectories of Aghaboe, Offerlan, and Rathdowny, for the remainder of 200 years, from the 14th of January, 1603, to the Deans of Ossory. Ware omits Aghaboe in this grant, but it is, and always was, part of the corps of the deanery, as I\* well know.’

The following is a list of the Incumbents of Aghaboe, from 1663 :—

|                |     |      |                 |     |      |
|----------------|-----|------|-----------------|-----|------|
| JOHN CULL      | ... | 1663 | WILSON          | ... | —    |
| THOMAS HILL    | ... | 1670 | ARTHUR LEWELLIN | ... | —    |
| BENJAMIN PARRY | ... | 1674 | THOMAS CARR     | ... | 1744 |
| JOHN POOLEY    | ... | 1675 | †EDWARD LEDWICH | ... | 1772 |
| WM. WHITEHEAD  | ... | 1686 | JOHN MORRIS     | ... | 1797 |

[Mason.]

\* Rev. Edward Ledwich, LL.D.

+ This was the famous antiquary, the author of “The Antiquities of Ireland,” published in Dublin in 1790. He was LL.B., M.R.I.A., &c., &c.



### Ardglas Church.

'Ardglas, as its name imports, is a high green hill, in the barony of Slemtery, four miles north of Carlow. It is now (1795) a Roman Catholic chapel, built, according to tradition, by a lady of the family of HARTPOLE. It is erected in the form of a cross, and is thatched.'

'In one arm of the cross is a small chapel, the place of interment for the GRACE family. Engraven on a square copperplate is this epitaph':—

"Nobilis ingenio, mitis, formosa, pudica,  
 Francisca exiquo hic cespite tecta jaces;  
 Sed non tota: animus caeli loca laeta petivit,  
 Solvere virtutis praemia terra nequit.  
 Quicquid amor, sincera fides, pietasque jubeant,  
 Sedula fecisti, filia, spousa, parens.  
 Non luxus tibi mollis amor, non cura decoris,  
 Unica cura inopes, et Deus unus amor.  
 Religio flevit, flerunt, virtusque pudorque,  
 Matribus exemplum, originibusque decus.  
 Sheffieldus flevit, pangens lachrymabile carmen,  
 Quod tibi perpetui pignus amoris erit.  
 Aeternum flerit, lucis praetesus et aurae,  
 Flere Deo vitam, ni putet esse nefas.  
 Concordes animas Christus revocabit in unum,  
 Pax ubi sancta manet, nec dirimendus amor.  
 D. FRANCISCA GRACE, alias BAGOT, uxor  
 Sheffieldi Grace, obiit 3 die Maii, A.D. 1742, aetatis sue 32."

#### TRANSLATION.

'Noble in disposition, gentle, beautiful, chaste,  
 Here you lie Frances covered by a little turf;  
 But not you wholly, your soul has sought the happy places of heaven,  
 Earth cannot pay the rewards of your merit.  
 Whatever love, pure faith, and affection demanded,  
 You diligently performed as daughter, wife, mother.  
 You had no love of easeful pomp, no care for dress,  
 Your sole care was the poor, your one love God.  
 Religion wept, virtue and modesty lamented.  
 (You) The pattern to mothers, the source of glory to maids.  
 Sheffield wept composing the doleful dirge,  
 Which shall be a pledge of lasting love to you.  
 He would have wept for ever, wearied at the light and air (of  
 this world),  
 Did he not think it impious to lament his life to God.  
 Christ shall call together again these harmonious souls,  
 Where holy peace abides and where love suffers no parting.  
 Lady Frances Grace, otherwise Bagot, wife of Sheffield Grace,  
 died May 3, A.D. 1742, in the 32nd year of her age.'



'Opposite is this inscription :—

"Here | Lyeth the body of | MRS. MARTHA GRACE, | Late  
wife of | MIC. GRACE, Esq. | She was | Religious without  
ostentation, | Pious without hypocrisy, | Friendly without  
flattery; | To the distressed | a support, | To the orphans  
a mother: | In her life, attended with many blessings, |  
Her death, with many tears. | She was | Faithful to her  
husband, | Tender to her children, | Forgiving to her enemies. |  
O passenger, how soon thou shalt resemble | Her in her  
mortal part, | God knows! | Do thou labour to resemble her in  
that | Which is immortal.  
She lived, she died, she ran the happy race, | She won the  
glorious prize, immortal peace. | She died November the 28th,  
A.D. 1736, in the 55th year of her age."

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#### **Castletown.**

'Near the centre of the burial-ground is a tombstone, level with the ground, having the following inscription :—

**"SWINEA SACRATO JACET HOC  
CATHERINA SEPVLCHRO . ET  
MATREM ET NATOS COMPRIMIT  
VRNA DUOS . SÆVA PATRI  
NATOS ET MATREM FATA  
GEMELLOS ABSTULERANT PATRI  
SED . TRIBVERE DEO . ANNO 1689.  
QVIES DEMVM ACCESSIT, VATES  
PATER ATQVE MARITVS QUEM  
TVLIT OPTATA MORTE SECVTVS  
AMOR . MAVRICI KENNELLY  
WHO DIED IVLY THE VI. 1727,  
IN THE 67 YEAR OF HIS AGE."**

#### **TRANSLATION.**

'In this sacred sepulchre lies Catherine Swinny. | The tomb  
confines both the Mother and her two Sons. | The Fates,  
cruel to the Father, took away from him his two Sons | and



their Mother, but they gave them to God, in the year 1689. The father and husband who wrote this epitaph | (vates) joined them at last. His love, which never left him, carried him off by death which was prayed for, Maurice Kennedy, who died July vi., 1727, in the 67 year of his age.'

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### **Parish of Dysart.**

Extract from the will of ROBERT PIGOTT, Esq., of Dysart, proved in 1730.

He directs to be buried thus:—

"I desire my body, the next night after my death, may be carried at 10 o'clock at night to the Church of Disart, and put into the vault without the least expense, and laid at the foot of my Father and Mother, and by my dear Wife." . . . .

"I leave and bequeath my plate as follows: The two Big decanters, one, if not done before my death, to be made with [query into] a flaggon for the communion service of the Church of Disart, the other to be made into two flat salvers for the same service of the church."

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### **Killeshin.**

'In the boundary wall of this churchyard, near the S.W. corner, is a small slab with this inscription:—

"Pray for JAMES | FITZGERALD who | built this wall and | planted these trees, | 1787."

'This same James FitzGerald's name is to be found on a table-tomb under an old ash tree on the west side of the burial-ground; the first three-quarters of the inscription is now very faint, it reads thus':—

"This Stone was erected by JAMES | FITZGERALD, of Killeshin, & JOHN KAVANAGH. | Here lies the Body of BRYAN KAVANAGH, | of Killeshin, who departed this life the | 29th of December, 1777, Aged .8 years. | May the Lord have Mercy on his Soul, amen. | Also on the Soul of JOHN FITZGERALD, son | of the Above JAMES FITZGERALD, who Depd. | this life the 5th of August, 17 . . , Aged .2 yrs. | He lived Beloved and died lamented. | Likewise on the Soul of Said JAMES FITZGERALD, | who departed this June the 7th, 1790, Aged .7 yrs. | Here also lieth the Body of the much | Lamented Mr. PATRICK KAVANAGH, late of | Carlow, who Departed this life on the 31st | Day of August, 1825, Aged 74 years. | And here also lieth the remains of Miss | CATHERINE KAVANAGH, Daughter of the | Above PATRICK, who departed this life on | The 21st Day of February, 1836, Aged 34 years. | Also the remains of Mrs. BRIDGET KAVANAGH, | Wife of the above PATRICK, who departed this life | On the 9th day of May, 1839, Aged 76 years."



'The following inscription is taken off a flat tombstone on the south side of the churchyard':—

"HERE LYETH THE BODY OF JOHN DODD |  
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE JUNE THE 26TH |  
1688 AGED 38 YEARS. ALSO HIS WIFE AND  
CHIL|DREN. ALSO THE BODY OF BRYAN  
KUGAN | WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE  
73RD YEAR OF | HIS AGE IN THE YEAR  
1758 & HIS WIFE | DAUGHTER TO JOHN  
DODD & HER CHILDERN." (*sic*)

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'The next is off a headstone, also on the south side':—

"This Stone is erected by NEAIL MOORE in | Memory of his  
Wife MARY MOORE alias McDON | -NELL who Departed this  
life January the 1st 1793 | Aged 22 years. The Lord have  
mercy on her | soul amen."

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'To the S.E. side is this inscription, on a table-tomb':—

"Sacred to the Memory of FRANCIS HOEY | son of Mr. John  
Hoey of Sleaty. He depart | ed this Life the 28 of  
September 1808 | Aged 11 years."

"Adien blessed youth alas too early fled  
None knew thee living but laments thee dead  
A soul so pure so free from every stain  
So tried by sickness and so proved by pain  
His Christian patience against torture strove  
Till the Lord received him to his joys above."

"May the Lord have mercy on his soul & on all | the souls of  
the faithfull departed amen."

For the above five inscriptions, I am indebted to Lord  
Walter FitzGerald, F.R.S.A.I.

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### **Parish of Lea.**

#### **LIST OF INCUMBENTS.**

"Ecclia. de Lia comes Kildare patronus val. £xv. impr. Ecclia. Daren.  
Vicar. NICHCLUS. GERING, clicus compt. ext. NICH. GERING institutus fuit  
per pref. ad vic. de Lega. Daren. dioc. cuno mand. ad inducend. 9° Martii,  
1613.

"Lega. Rec. Dec. et Caplum. Vicar. NICH. GEERING a reedinge minister  
n— libr. val. £5. Vic. de Lega. vacat. sequest.

"Tho. PICKERINGE, collat. fuit prio. Iunii 1643. Vic. de Lea, £4.



"EDRUS SHAW, cler. in art. magr. inst. fuit 28° die Jan. 1651, adet in Vic. de Lea als. Ley com. Reginae £4 Ir.

"RICUS FOXCROFT, cler. collat. fuit 6° die Dec. 1700, ad vicar. de Lea als. Ley, Lackagh. Kildingan et Coolebanagher, Irry als. Arde als. Coolbanagher, et ad rec. de Irry als. Arde als. Coolebanagher. Dioc. Daren. Com. Regin. £10 3s. od.

"WM. MAUNSELL V. Lea, 27 Sept. 1765, Queen's County, £4. Ir.  
£3 Eng." [Mason.]

In Erck's Register for 1811, Wm. Maunsell is still shown as Vicar of Lea; and in the volume for 1830, the Rev. RAWDON G. GREENE appears as Vicar, appointed in 1823.

The glebe-house was finished in 1810.

### Sleaty Churchyard, near Carlow.

[From Lord Walter FitzGerald.]

'Inside the ruins of the old church are the following':—

"Here Lies the Body of | RICHARD GASK who | Departed This Life the | 12th Day of June Aged 23 | in the year 1754."

[This is a very thick headstone.]

"Here lieth the Body of ROBERT | BEST of Knockbeg Esqr who | Departed this Life ye 2nd day of | June in the year 1729 Aged 55 yers | This Stone was erected by his | Daughter MARY SMITH."

[This is a flat tomb.]

'There is also a flat tomb, much broken, with large pieces missing, belonging to the GAFFNEY family of Capanaboe, lying in the west end of the ruins, recording the deaths of members of that family from 1768 to 1773.'

'In this churchyard are two very ancient-looking, plain granite crosses. One stands near the west end of the ruins; its height above ground is 8½ feet, width across the arms 2 feet 4 inches, width of the front of the shaft 15 inches, and of the sides 11 inches; at the junction of the arms the angles are round; the whole cross is in one piece of granite. The second cross stands on the S.E. side of the burial-ground, also in one piece; it is ringed, but has no openings between the ring and the arms; it measures above ground 4 feet 4 inches; in width across the arms 2 feet 4 inches; the front of the shaft is 13 inches in breadth, and the sides 10 inches.'



### **Timoge, near Stradbally.**

‘ Inside the church of Timoge, built into the north wall, is a large polished limestone monument to the FitzGeralds of Morett and Timoge ; over it is a shield with the FitzGerald and O’Byrne arms impaled, surmounted by a chained monkey—the FitzGerald crest. The inscription is incised, and is as follows’ :—

“ In this vault & ground lie the | Remains of GERALD FITZ-  
GERALD of Moret Esquire : and | of his wife a daughter of  
John Bowen of Ballyadams Esquire : | (He was murdered  
and his Castle burnt there in | the Reign of Queen Elizabeth) :  
and of his only son | GERALD FITZ-GERALD of Timoge Esquire :  
and of his wife a daugh- | ter of O’Dempsey Lord Glanmalire :  
and of his eldest | son THOMAS FITZ-GERALD of Moret Esquire :  
and of his | wife a daughter of John Pigot of Dysart Esquire :  
and of | his eldest son STEPHEN FITZ-GERALD of Moret  
Esquire : and | of his wife a daughter of Henry Gilbert of  
Kilminchy | Esquire : and of his eldest son Thomas Fitz-  
Gerald of Moret | Esquire : and of his wife a daughter of  
Sir Gregory Byrne Bart. | He died on the 18th day of April  
1754 : This monument is erected | here in honour of their  
memory : By his eldest son Stephen Fitz-Gerald | of Moret  
Esquire. A : D 1764.”

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‘ Just below the communion-rails, is a large white marble slab, level with the pavement ; it has the O’Byrne coat-of-arms, cut in relief, at the upper end, and below runs an incised inscription. The arms are : Gu. a chevron between 3 dexter hands arg. an escutcheon of pretence charged with a dexter hand. Above it is a helmet surmounted by a crest—a mermaid holding a long-handled implement in one hand, and a square-shaped article in the other. Below the shield is a script bearing the motto “ Certavi et vici,” i.e., “ I have striven, and I have conquered.” ’

‘ The inscription is as follows’ :—

“ Beneath this marble stone lyeth the body of | SR. DANIEL  
BYRNE Bart. who dyed the 25th of | Septemr. in the year  
1715, and of his age the 39th. | He married Anna Dorothea  
eldest daughter | of Edward Warren of Pointon in the County |  
of Chester and Kingdome of England, Esqr. | He was a  
singular instance of conjugal affection | a kind and indulgent  
father to his children | and in the discharge of promises |  
which in the practice of the world | meets with too little  
regard | a great example of justice. | Here also lyeth the  
body of CHARLES his eldest son | who was a youth of very  
promising expectation. | He dyed the 1st of Novr. 1713 |  
and in the 9th year of his age.”



'The remaining four inscriptions are all off slabs lying even with the pavement in the passage up the middle of the church, in the following order from the Byrne slab':—

"Here lieth the Body of | THOMAS FITZGERALD of Morett  
Esqr. | who departed this life the Twenty | second of  
September 1766 | aged 20 years | son of Stephen Fitzgerald  
of Morett | Esqr. he was a most dutifull son and | valuable  
youth for which reason his | mother Catherine Fitzgerald  
youngest | Daughter of Sr. Daniel Byrne Bart. | lays down  
this stone in regard to | the great tenderness he had for |  
his mother and her most parenly. | Love for him."

'This slab is also a large white marble one; the remainder are of polished limestone. The next two slabs are side by side.'

"Here lieth the Body of | STEPHEN FITZGERALD of Morett  
Esq. | who departed this Life the second | of August 1771.  
Aged 64 years | He was a most tender husband and |  
affectionate Parent, and sincere friend | His widow  
Catherine Fitzgerald | youngest daughter of Sr. Daniel  
Byrne | Bart. lays down this stone in regard | to the high  
value she has for | his memory."

'This next inscription is roughly and rudely cut':

"HERE LYETH THE BODEY OF MRS. | MARTHA  
FITZGERALD WIFE | TO STEPHEN FITZGERALD  
ESQR. | WHO DIED THE 25TH DAY OF |  
DECEMBER ANNO DOMINI | 1713 AGED 54  
YEARS. | HERE LYETH THE BODEY OF |  
STEPHEN FITZGERALD | ESQ<sup>R</sup> WHO DIED THE  
20<sup>TH</sup> | DAY OF IVNE AN<sup>O</sup> DOM 1716 |  
AGED 54 YEARS."

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"HERE LIETH YE BODY OF M<sup>RS</sup> FRANC | FITZ-  
GERALD WIFE OF M<sup>R</sup> THOMAS | FITZGERALD  
OF MORET & ONE OF | THE DAUGHTERS OF  
S<sup>R</sup> GREGORY | BYRNE BAR<sup>T</sup> DEC<sup>D</sup>. SHE  
DEPARTED | THIS LIFE YE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
OCTOB<sup>R</sup> | AN<sup>O</sup> DOM 1723 & IN YE 40<sup>TH</sup> YEAR  
OF | HER AGE.  
BY THIS STONE LIETH THE | BODY OF THE  
ABOVENAMEDE | THOMAS FITZGERALD OF |  
MORET ESQ<sup>R</sup> HE DYED THE | 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
APL 1754 AGED | 68 YEARS."



'The FitzGeralds mentioned on these tombstones were descendants of an illegitimate son of Gerald the 11th Earl of Kildare, who was granted the lands of Timoge, Ballyteskin, Morett, Shanganaghmore, and others, by Queen Elizabeth; on the Earl's death in 1585, these lands were demised to his natural son for a term of 101 years.'

[The above are contributed by Lord Walter FitzGerald.]

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## C O U N T Y R O S C O M M O N .

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### Ardcarne.

The annexed notice from the *Roscommon Herald* of 20th February, 1892, and letter from the Rev. Francis Burke, on the disgraceful state of the burial-ground of Ardcarne, in this county, I trust have led to the desired effect. I wish other clergymen would follow Mr. Burke's example, and draw attention to the burial-grounds in their parishes which require to have care bestowed upon them:—

"The Rev. F. Burke, the popular Rector of Ardcarne, sends us a vigorous letter about the ruinous state of Ardcarne graveyard. It is understood, if any public effort is made, that Mrs. King-Harman, who has such a melancholy interest in the place—her husband, the late Colonel, and her only son, being interred there,—will contribute largely to carry out the suggested improvements. Certainly the Rev. Mr. Burke deserves credit for his unceasing efforts to have this last resting-place of the dead beautified and improved."

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### THE OLD GRAVEYARD OF ARDCARNE.

*To the Editor of the Roscommon Herald.*

"Sir,—Will you allow me to bring the state of the above graveyard under the notice of your readers, and especially those who have family burial-places there? Nothing can hardly be more dismal and wretched than its present aspect and condition. A matted network of nettle roots, producing every year a luxuriant crop, which leaves the grasses quite undistinguishable, everywhere pervades the soil. Piles of rugged, loose stones are here and there scattered about. Tombstones are so covered over with mould and moss, that the inscriptions on them are no longer legible. Hillocks of debris overspread with moss and weeds are so numerous, that one can scarcely find even place where to set his foot. Surely there is no reason why the resting-place of the dead should alone present such a melancholy, depressing spectacle in the whole country surrounding Ardcarne! I cannot think that our common Christianity will any longer tolerate this



state of things. We must show that it is a libel on our blessed hope of the Resurrection Morn to treat the bodies of those ‘whom all have loved long since, and lost awhile,’ with such marked disrespect. As a constant eye-witness of what I describe, I cannot help feeling strongly on this subject; and when I venture to suggest a remedy, I trust what I say will not be taken unkindly by any. And first let me observe, that much lies in the hands of individuals. Can they not manifest more practical interest in the improvement and neat keeping of those resting-places dedicated to the remains of their friends than they have hitherto done? Let all weeds be uprooted, let all the jagged stones now strewn about be reverently disposed in their proper positions—in a word, let the whole place be thoroughly cleaned, put in order, and let it no longer stand in such unenviable contrast with the new cemetery close by, and now, thanks to the Board of Guardians, so effectually enclosed. There must be many who share my views in this matter; and if it would seem good to them to hold a meeting at Ardcarne, representative of the two religious communions really concerned in the question, I can see the way in which they may, without interference with the rights or even the prejudices of any, remove much of what now disfigures this ancient resting-place of the dead.—Yours, &c.,

FRANCIS BURKE, Rector of Ardcarne.

#### **Abbey of Clonthuskert** (Parish of same name).

‘A skull is here shown, in which milk was boiled and given to a man afflicted with the epilepsy.’ [Grose.]

‘This abbey is said to have been founded by St. Faithleg, for Augustinian canons.’

‘The cemetery, which is still used, contains the tombs of several families of distinction.’ [Lewis.]

#### **Parish of Fuerty.**

LIST OF INCUMBENTS TAKEN FROM THE REGAL VISITATION BOOKS,  
AND THOSE OF THE FIRST FRUITS’ OFFICE.

“Ann. 1615. Rectoria de Feorte ptinet. ad monastorium. de Roscoman. firmarius HENRICUS MALBEY armiger 1615.”

“Vicar de Fuerty Epus. convert valet £4. ster. p. ann. Mr. GILBERTUS SEABROOKE, vicar. compt. ext. GILBERT SEABROOKE exanula lata portuens. Oxen. institutus fuit in vicariis de Athleige et Fewerty per EDWARD. ELPHIN. Epium. vii<sup>o</sup> Maii 1623.”

“SAMUEL HODSON collat. fuit 13<sup>o</sup> die April, 1683, ad preb. de Ballintubber et ad vicarias de Authleague £5. 6s. 8d., Fwerty £20, Kilbeguet £20, Kilroan £20, Kilmakelly et Dunamon £20, Dioc. et com. pred.”

“STEPHEN RADCLIFF, A.B., promoted and instituted V. Athleague, V. Fuerty, and Kilbegnet united, Roscom. et Galway, Nov. 9, 1780.”

“THOMAS CRAWFORD, instituted V. Fuerty, Kilbegnet, Athleague, Octob. 3, 1785.”



"JAMES CRAWFORD, collated V. Fuerty, Kilbegnet, and Athleague,  
Aug. 15, 1809."

"Curate Assistant of Fuerty, the REV. MONTAGUE LEAVER SHORT,  
A.B." [Mason.]

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### **Church of Kilmaine.**

'Near the church stands a stone, about 4 feet high, with an inscription defaced ; the date is only visible, 1639. The church is surrounded by rows of oak and ash trees ; and is the burial-place of the CROFTON FAMILY.'

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### **Closhanville Abbey.**

'Near the belfry is a vault, the cemetery of the FRENCHES of Frenchpark ; on the eastern wall of this vault are their arms, and this inscription :—

"Pray for the souls of PATRICK FRENCH FITZSTEPHEN, of Galway, Burgess, who lived in this world eighty-six years."

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## **C O U N T Y   S L I G O .**

No information, I regret to say, has been received from any parish of this county ; neither copies of inscriptions, or notes on the burial-grounds or churches, in time for this Report.

The number of subscribers to the work is *two*, from the whole County Sligo.

I, however, am glad to be able to say that some notes have recently been kindly sent me, which I hope to publish in my Report for 1892.

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## **C O U N T Y   T I P P E R A R Y .**

### **Parish of Fethard [Fethard—The High Wood.]**

'The following are the parishes at present in the Union of Fethard—**FETHARD**, **RED CITY**, **BARRETSGRANGE**, **PEPPARDSTOWN**, **CLONEEN**, **COOLMUNDREY**, **KILLTINAN**, **BAPTISTS GRANGE**, **DONAGHMORE**, **COLMAN**, **MORA**, **KILBRAGH**, **TULLAMAIN**, **RATHCOOL**.'

'Fethard I shall mention hereafter.'



‘RED CITY ( ).—The old church on one side of the road, the graveyard at the other, wherein are no tombstones older than about 1750. The church appears old, the frames of windows and doors are removed.’

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‘BARRETSGRANGE.—May have been very early connected with Red City; at any rate I can find no old church in it.’

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‘PEPPARDSTOWN.—Some of the Peppard family lived in the neighbourhood, in influential positions, a little more than two hundred years ago. The church does not seem very old. No tombstones older than about 1750.’

‘There is another very ruined church and well-filled churchyard in the north side of Peppardstown parish. No tombstones older than about 1750.’

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‘CLONEEN.—I could not find an old church.’

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‘COOLMUNDY ( ).—The church is in the deer park of Grove demesne, not enclosed. No tombstone older than (*circa*) 1750.’

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‘KILLTINAN.—Church has a square castle or tower at the E. end; there is a “sheelnagig” on one of the corner stones near W. end. The church is of some size, and is in the Killtinan demesne. The oldest tombs are’ :—

“*Vic jacet Jacobus Brittiss de Kelosty  
generosus qui obiit Nov. 25, 1621,  
eius uxor Katherine Meagher qui  
me fieri fecerunt ipsis et hearedibus  
suis Sep<sup>r</sup> 15, 1623.*”

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“HERE LIES YE BODY OF DORATHEA  
BACON LATE OF RATHKENY WHO  
DIED YE 14TH OF FEB. 1708, AGED 74  
YEARS.”

“JOHN BACON DIED DEC<sup>R</sup> 13, 1737,  
AGED 66 Y<sup>RS</sup>.”



"Rev. EDWARD LABARTE, for 36 years Rector of Kilvemon.  
Died 1853, aged 86 years."

[Appointed in 1817.—Erck.]

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"HIC SITUS, EST MATTHEUS JACOB QUI  
OBIIT 23 DIE APRILIS ANNO DNI . . . ."

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"MATHEW JACOB died in the year 1764. This tomb was repaired A.D. 1825, by direction of his grand niece, Sarah Jacob, as a proof of her esteem and gratitude."

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"Here lies buried MARY PIE, wife of MATHEW JACOB,  
who died . . . ."

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"MATHEW JACOB, Esq., late of Mobarnan, died May 7, 1780,  
aged 63; also ANN JACOB, his wife, died Sept. 12, 1802,  
aged 76. Their eldest daughter, MARGT. JACOB, died 1768.  
Repaired A.D. 1825, by her sister SARAH JACOB."

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"MATHEW JACOB, of Johnstown, Esq., died Aug. 12, 1790,  
aged 49."

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'BAPTISTS GRANGE.—Church in parts seems very old, but on the outside of the E. gable is a tablet with this inscription (in old English)':—

"Richard' Archbald als Stapleton et  
Katherina Eyn ejus uxor me fieri  
fecerint anno Domini 1600."

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'The churchyard is not enclosed; oldest tombstone I noticed dated about 1747.'

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'DONAGHMORE ( ).—Church is a very conspicuous object on the side of a hill, but I have not visited it.'



'In COLMAN are two churches; one was apparently very massive in its walls, is very much ruined, windows and door having been removed; there are no tombs; it appears to have been rather an important place. The other church is this parish I have not visited.'

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'MORA and KILBRAGH I have not visited.'

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'TULLAMAIN.—In the demesne of that name, a large tree grows up through one of the walls. No tombstones older than *circa* 1750.'

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'RATHCOOL (called, no doubt, after a large rath situated in a marshy place in the parish).—No tombs older than *circa* 1750.'

'There is another old church near Derryluskan House, but, I think, no tombs.'

[From the Rev. R. H. Long.]

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I have to thank the Most Rev. Dr. Comerford, D.D., for the following description of an ancient portable stone altar, now in his possession, and belonging formerly to Fethard, in this county. The annexed plate is from a rubbing kindly sent me by Dr. Comerford :—

"HOC ALTARE . FIERI FECIT . |  
D . PAV . HAQVETVS | VICARIVS .  
FIDERDIÆ . 1636." |

This inscription, in incised capitals, is cut round the edges. It may be thus translated :—

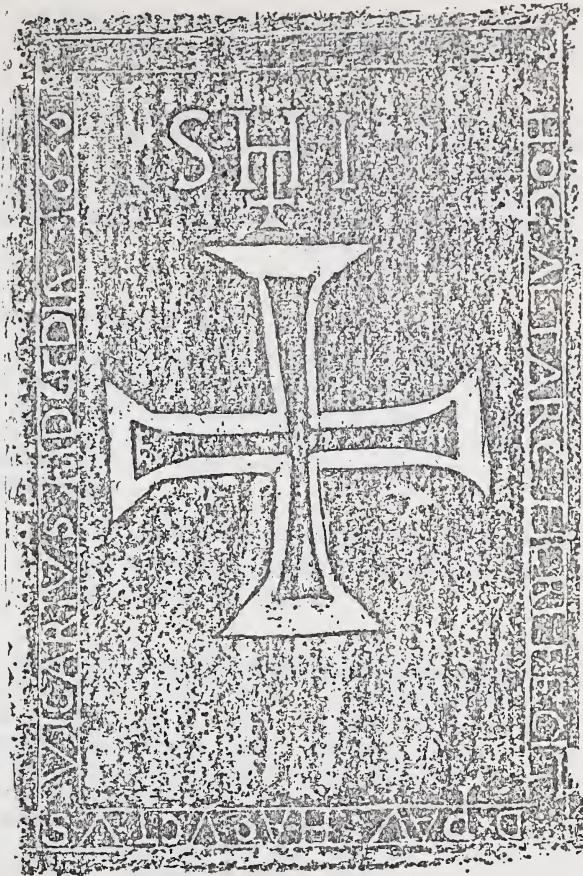
Mr. Paul Hacquet, Vicar of Fethard, had this altar made  
[in] 1636.

It was found in the ruins of an old house at Maryborough, some years since.

'None but *stone* altars can be used for celebration of Mass; and to meet the requirements of missionary countries, it is permitted to consecrate stone slabs for the purpose, of sufficient dimensions to contain the host and chalice; it is sometimes set in the middle of a wooden altar.'



There is a large cross in the centre of the stone, and the monogram I.H.S. underneath. See annexed drawing.



#### Kilmastulla Church.

'Having some relatives numbered amongst those who are interred in this ancient graveyard, I paid a visit to it yesterday. In a corner facing the gate I observed two massive vaults, one of which attracted my attention, and I give you the inscription thereon, which is as follows':—

"Erected to the memory of the | Rev. B. O'BRIEN, D.D., | one of the Knights of Malta, and Chaplain to | Louis 16th | of France, | who departed this life, 28th December, 1828, | aged 86 years."



'Close by, the following inscription appears on another tomb—a more massive structure':—

"Here rest the remains of | MARY O'BRIEN, | the beloved wife  
of Cornelius O'Brien, | of Limerick, | who died December  
24, 1831, aged 30 years."

'I am sorry to inform you that this old church is sadly neglected since the death of Mr. William Spaight, of Derrycastle, who left £150 to the rector, the Rev. Mr. Lopdell, which has not yet been handed over to him, the trustees declining to do so. The graveyard itself is in a deplorable condition, and is a disgrace to the Protestant community of the parish.'

[From P. J. Lynch, Esq., C.E., Limerick.]

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### **Templemore Parish. [The Great Church.]**

'The old parish church is in the Park, about midway between the Castle and the Round Wood, having the lake between it and the Castle.

'The chancel measures 69 feet by 21 feet; it probably became unused soon after the Reformation. Within the walls, which are in a complete state of ruin, are about twenty-one monuments; amongst them is the following':—

"HERE LIES THE BODY OF | DANIEL SWEENEY  
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE MARCH THE 15TH  
1771, AGED 56 YEARS."

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'The portion of the church that was unroofed when the new church was built, measures 21 by 7 yards. It is separated from the more ruined part by a very thin E. wall. The west wall is 7 feet thick, measured through the gateway by which it is entered. There is a large breach in the middle of the south wall. In the north wall is a gateway into the enclosure where the Carden family bury. This enclosure is kept locked; it measures 26 by 11 yards, and contains seventeen monuments; those that were wantonly smashed a few years ago, have been replaced. East of the Carden enclosure is another smaller, containing about ten monuments. But to return to the church, in it are the following tombs:—

1. By "JOHN MIDDLETON, of Templemore, to his daughter ESTHER MIDDLETON, who died in 1804, aged 5."
2. "DAN SWEENEY, of Templemore, died June 17, 1852, aged 63. His mother, ANNE SWEENEY, alias LANIGAN; his daughters, ANNE and CATHERINE; his sister MARYANNE SWEENEY; his daughter MARY, wife to William Fogarty, died June 20, 1856, aged 32."

[An altar tomb.]



3. "CATHERINE O'NEILL, wife of Sergeant Major Bernard O'Neill, of his Majesty's 88 Regt. of infantry, died August 5, 1825, aged 29, leaving husband and 4 infant children."
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4. "HERE LAYS THE [BODY?] OF M. ISAAC HAIES  
OF KNOCRANROE WHO DYED THE 43 YEARE  
OF HIS AGE THE 15 OF APRIL 1703."
- [Inscription round edge.]
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5. By "Mich: Dwyer to his dr. MARGARET DWYER, died Sept. 26, 1832, aged 28."
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6. By "James Jurdan to his mother MARY JURDAN, of Templemore, aged 55."
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7. "ANNE, wife of Color Sergeant John Inman, of the 74th Regiment, died Aug. 11, 1832, aged 33. R.I.P."

"The following are mural monuments on the inside of the east wall":—

1. "Obiit die decima mensis Octoberis anno Salutis reparatae 1830 etatis vero trigessimo tertamo MARTINUS LANIGAN ejus super tumulus non ingrata patria flevit.  
Monumentum hoc suis sumptibus JOHANNES LANIGAN frater erexit."
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2. "ANNE LANIGAN otherwise SWEENEY, wife of Stephen Lanigan, of Templemore, died Oct. 5, 1823, aged 56," &c.
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3. "DANIEL LANIGAN, Barrister-at-Law, eldest son of Stephen Lanigan, of Templemore, died Feb. 11, 1822, aged 30," &c.
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4. "JAMES LANIGAN, 3rd son of Stephen Lanigan, of Templemore, died July 15, 1821, aged 21," &c.
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5. "ROBERT BALL FITZGERALD, born 16th November, 1853, died 5th April, 1877. R.I.P."
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6. "Parvum pignus amoris non parvi hoc posuit CAROLUS CLARKE FITZGERALD in memoriam ELIZÆ JANE FITZGERALD (olim BALL) amantissimæ suæ spousæ ac dillectissimæ matris in prolem tenerrimæ fidem operibus vivam exhibuit in vita quæ specu firmam Christi promissionum tribuit in morte April 1830 Nata, obdormivit 1857 aetatis suæ xxvii."



'The graveyard covers about half an acre to the southward of the church. It is strewn with large stones; a splendid crop of nettles covers it in summer. Some trees have fallen into it. It contains about forty-eight monuments, the most conspicuous of which are those to the WILLINGTONS of Kiloskehan Castle; the family has left the country. The sunk fence around the graveyard is in good order.

'The old churchyard at Killvenoge is the burial-place of the LIDWILLS, and that at Killea is the burial-place of the LLOYDS of Lloydsborg, &c. Both churches are utterly ruined.'

[From the Rev. W. H. Long.]

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EXTRACTS FROM THE VESTRY BOOK OF TEMPLEMORE PARISH, DIOCESE OF CASHEL, A.D. 1789-1873.

[Contributed by the Rev. R. H. Long, Templemore Rectory.]

'HARRY MEGGS GRAVES.—This name is written on the cover.

'Page 1.—Account of money received in the new church, first time poor box went about, 4 Mar., 1792, being in all £1. 1s. 4d.

'The Sunday collections and the distribution of them to the poor, is stated in this page till March 24, 1793, and at the bottom of the page is an account of the distribution of the "Hon. Lady Carden's guinea given to Mr. Graves before Christmas 1792, on her Ladyship going to Genl. Cunningham's."

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'Page 2.—A list of the collections and their distribution at the church door, continued down to May 25, 1794, when "the poor would not have patience, and were so importunate that the collections were distributed as soon as made from this date."

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'Page 3.—"At a Vestry held in the parish church of Templemore, on Monday 7th day of Sept., 1789, pursuant to notice given as the acts of Parliament in this case made and provided requires. It was agreed by the minister, churchwardens, and major part of the Protestant parishioners then and there legally in vestry assembled, that the following sums for the purposes hereafter mentioned be raised by a cess on the several parishes constituting the Union of Templemore, to wit: Templemore, Killea, Killovinogh, and Templeree:—

|                                                  |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| For the salary of the parish clerk, Rd.          |     |     |     |     |     |    |
| Searson                                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | £10 | 0  |
| For partly enclosing the new churchyard          | ... |     |     |     | 12  | 0  |
| For fees to Clks. of Privy Council, for changing |     |     |     |     |     |    |
| site of church                                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16  | 0  |
| Fees to Ch.-Wardens & to Register Cashel         |     |     |     |     | 0   | 6  |
| Communion Elements                               | ... | ... | ... |     | 0   | 12 |
|                                                  |     |     |     |     |     | 0  |



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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| To Henry Davis, of Killea, for his trouble as<br>sidesman collecting taxes, together with<br>Rd. Searson hereby appointed for said<br>purpose | ...     ... | ...     ... | £2   0   0 |
|                                                                                                                                               |             |             | *£40 18 8  |

\* " " N.B.—A large part of the above sum was never collected or accounted for. The deficiency from Drumard, Ballysorrell, Cloubo, and in Killea.—  
H. M. Graves.

Henry Meggs Graves, Minister.

Parishioners present—

|                |                    |                  |
|----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Robt. Buckley. | John Craven Carden | } Churchwardens. |
| Wm. Wallis.    | George Bennet      |                  |
| Henry Davis.   |                    |                  |

' Page 5.—" At a vestry held in the old church of Templemore, the 5th day of April, 1790, &c.  
hereby appointed churchwardens, } Sir John Craven Carden, Bart.  
                                        } George Bennett, Esq."'

' John Henessy made parish clerk and schoolmaster, 1791.  
' A Registry of births, deaths, and marriages on pp. 12, 13, 14, 16, 22,  
24, 26, 30, 32, 34, from July, 1791—June, 18—.'

|                                    |             |         |
|------------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| ' Page 19.—" Salary for the sexton | ...     ... | £4 11 0 |
| " for weather cock                 | ...     ... | 4 11 0  |
| Towards gate & piers for ch. yard  | 15 0 0      | "       |
| &c.'                               |             |         |

" May, 1793.  
" " Contents and Distribution of the Union of Templemore . . . . .,  
as set forth by the Down Survey.

" I. Templemore Parish, Iliogarty Barony—

|                         |             | Ac.        |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------|
| The manor of Templemore | ...     ... | 2472       |
| College Hill, &c.       | ...     ... | 951        |
|                         |             | <hr/> 3423 |

" The following in Barony of Kerrin said to belong to Templemore parish.  
But as to Tithes Quære ?

|               |             |             |             |     |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----|
| viz., Killogh | ...     ... | ...     ... | ...     ... | 909 |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----|

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Totl. Templemore, | 4,332 acres. |
|                   | 2 R          |



## "II. Killovinoge Parish—

|                  |     |     |     |     |        | Ac.  |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|------|
| Clonboo moyety * | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...    | 528  |
| Dromard          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...    | 422  |
| Ballysorrell     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...    | 338  |
| Glebe            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...    | 36   |
| &c.              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...    | 1033 |
|                  |     |     |     |     | Total, | 2357 |

## "III. Templeree Parish—

|            |     |     |     |     |        | Ac.  |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|------|
| Castle Iny | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...    | 854  |
| &c.        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...    | 416  |
|            |     |     |     |     | Total, | 1270 |

## "IV. Killea Parish—

|                               |     |     |     |     |        | Ac.  |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|------|
| Part Gutarnan als. Lloydsboro |     |     |     | ... | ...    | 63   |
| Killowardy †                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...    | 633  |
| Glebe                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...    | 8    |
| Burrisnoe                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...    | 144  |
| &c.                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...    | 1381 |
|                               |     |     |     |     | Total, | 2229 |

\* "N.B.—Clonboo moyety pais [sic] to the church of Templemore, but taxes for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the above number of acres for the remainder to the church of Templetouhy, To which it also pais a large proportion of tithes.

† "Landholders of part of Killowardy say their lands are in Barnaue Parish."

"The new parish church of the Union of Templemore, built on the lands of Killilane beg, was solemnly consecrated by the name of Saint Mary of Templemore, on Tuesday the 22nd day of July, 1794, by the Most Rev. His Grace Charles Agar, LL.D., Archbishop of Cashel.

"The cost of building same was as follows, viz.:—

|                                                                                                                                                                             |     |     |     |      |    |   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|----|---|
| Procured by his Grace the Abp. from money granted by Parliament for erecting New Churches, in doing which the Arch Bishop took very much pains, and was at much trouble ... | ... | ... | ... | £500 | 0  | 0 |
| Sr. Jn. Craven Carden, Bart., besides the ground for the church and churchyard, gave in cash                                                                                | ... | ... | ... | 100  | 0  | 0 |
| Raised by Parish Cess                                                                                                                                                       | ... | ... | ... | 34   | 10 | 8 |

£634 10 8



|                                                                                            |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Bell bought from Messrs. Heavised, Dublin,<br>Sept. 24, 1793, weighing 300 lbs. at 1s. 6d. |          |
| per ... ... ... ...                                                                        | £22 10 0 |
| Stock mounting and wheel ... ...                                                           | 6 16 6   |
|                                                                                            | _____    |
| The old bell wt. 122 lbs. at 8d. per lb. ...                                               | £29 6 6  |
|                                                                                            | 4 1 4    |
|                                                                                            | _____    |
|                                                                                            | £25 5 2  |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| ‘‘Page 25.—This £25 “was paid by the materials,<br>Roof, &c., of old church, sold to J. Carden,<br>of Fishmoyne, for 12 guineas ... ... | £13 13 0   |
| Left by the late Captn. Carden, of Barnane                                                                                              | 11 7 6     |
|                                                                                                                                         | _____      |
|                                                                                                                                         | £25 0 6 ”, |

‘‘ Adding 3 ft. of Wainscot to the present, in  
order to prevent the damp of the walls ... £14 0 0  
July, 1795.”

“ N.B.—The times & country became so disturbed before the above sum was collected, that it was not accounted for to any thing near the above amount (£38 7s. 8d. cess).

May, 1796.”

“ Sir John Craven Carden, Bart., and Henry Jesse Lloyd, now of Castle Iny, Esq., having paid £12 13s. 0d. each towards the expenses of building a Gallery at the west end of the new parish church of Templemore. The two seats in the said gallery erected in the year 1798 . . . . . are hereby granted . . . . . The one on the North side to Sir John Craven Carden, Bart., and his heirs and assigns. . . . .

Jan. 7, 1779.”

“ To the Foundling Hospital, Dublin, occurs for  
1st time ... ... ... ... £4 11 0  
A new Eve of two courses to the Church ... 14 0 0  
1798.”

“ Towards finishing the new slating ... ... £37 10 0  
In 1800, the Salary of the Parish Clerk ... 15 0 0  
To Jo. Harkness, sexton, ringing bell, taking  
care of clock, &c. ... ... ... 10 4 9



To painting the whole church in the best manner, finding oils and colours, windows inside and outside ... ... ... £11 7 8

April, 1802.”

““Towards enlarging the Church, being found much too small for the congregation ... 55 0 0  
This money was lent at this time by the Vestry.

April, 1803.”

““Towards the expenses of enlarging the Church 91 16 0  
April, 1804.”

““In order to examine into and confirm the applotment of the sum of £118 9s. 9d. .... to be levyed on the united parishes of Templemore, .... or 3d. per acre.”

May, 1804.”

““Towards the expense of finishing the new addition to the church ... ... ... £126 3 11  
In this year the tax was ... ... ... 158 16 8  
July, 1808.”

““Towards enclosing the churchyard of Killovinoge ... ... ... ... £39 11 0  
Towards finishing addition to church ... 130 0 0  
Whole tax for the year ... ... ... 196 19 11  
April, 1809.”

““Toward finishing the churchyard wall of Killovinoge ... ... ... ... £39 11 0  
Toward finishing the addition to church ... 155 0 0  
Whole tax for the year ... ... ... £237 3 9  
April, 1810.”

““Piers, &c., of Killea Churchyard ... ... ... £11 7 6  
New windows and door to church ... ... ... 110 0 0  
April, 1811.”

““For a silver salver for holding Communion bread ... ... ... ... £20 0 0  
April, 1813.”



'Daniel James Webb, Esq. (of Woodville ?), built two seats, one at the north the other at the south side of the Communion table, for himself in 1813. In 1818, he resigned the seat at the N. side to the Honble. Charles Joseph J. Monk, of Belleville.'

"Geo. Bennett, Esq., & Wm. Butler, of Park, Esq., built the seats at the upper end of the north & south sides of the church respectively, but by the enlargement of the church these seats were placed next below those built by M. Webb.

"For partly enclosing the church yard of  
 Templemore ... ... ... £20 0 0  
 " " the old church yard of  
 Templemore ... ... ... 40 0 0  
 April, 1814."

"Towards enclosing the church yard of Killea £20 0 0  
 " repairing the church spire and putting  
 on a ball and cross . . . . . 30 0 0  
 April, 1817."

" . . . . to lay on a cess to repay the loan of £600 agreed to be granted by the Board of First Fruits for the enlargement of the church, . . . . to be levied on said union, to be repaid by instalments in 17 successive years, at the rate of 6 per cent. per ann. That the Rev. Dr. H. M. Graves be appointed Treasurer, &c.

Jan., 1820." :

“ For removing mendicants & maintaining them  
 till removed (in separate sums) ... £30 & £68 5 0  
 For buttresses to steeple, &c. ... ... 42 0 0  
 1823.”

(To be continued.)

INSCRIPTIONS ON ANCIENT CHALICES OF THE IRISH FRANCISCANS  
STILL EXISTING IN THIS COUNTRY.

### Cashel.

*“Hunc calicem procuravit pro conventu Cassiliensi  
S. Francisci Fr. PETRUS COMIN, A.D. 1663.”*

'Brother Petar Comin procured me [this chalice—ED.] for the Convent of St. Francis in Cashel, A.D. 1663.'



*“Orate pro animabus EDMUNDI EVERARDI  
et JOANNÆ NAISH uxoris ejus, 1648.”*

‘Pray for the souls of Edmund Everard and Johannah Naish his wife, 1648.’

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#### **Clonmel.**

*“JACOBUS DANIEL, Clonmel, me fieri fecit  
anno 1614. Orate pro anima ejus.”*

‘Jacob Daniel, Clonmel, caused me to be made in the year 1614. Pray for his soul.’

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*“Hunc calicem procuravit Fr. EDMUNDUS  
DE BURGO. Conventui fratrum Minorum  
de Clonmel, 1664.”*

‘Br. Edmund de Burgo gave this chalice to the Convent of the Friars Minors, Clonmel, 1664.’

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*“JOANNES ENGLISH, Burgensis de Clonmel,  
et MARGARITA POWER, uxor ejus, me sibi  
posteriorisque fieri fecerunt quibus propitius sit  
Deus. An. Domini 1645.”*

‘John English, Burgess of Clonmel, and Margaret Power, his wife, caused me to be made for himself and his posterity, to whose prayer may the Lord be propitious, A.D. 1645.’

[From the Rev. C. P. Meehan’s “Franciscan Monasteries.”]

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## C O U N T Y   T Y R O N E .

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#### **Parish of Clonfeacle.**

The following quaint inscription from the bell in Benburb Church, has been sent me by Mr. C. J. Hobson, of Carlow :—

*“I. H. S.   M R . P[?] FRS : LAVDATE  
IN TYMPANO ET CHORO. FR :  
X MATHEW M<sup>C</sup>MAHON CAPCI-*



NORVM LOCI : LIMERICENSIS  
SVPERIOR : ME FIERI FECIT  
DIE 8 IVLY : ANNO DO 1688."

'The letters appear to have been cut out of the solid metal.'

## TRANSLATION.

Jesus Saviour of Mankind, Mary Queen. Father Francis.  
Praise him [the Lord] with the timbrel and dance (choir).  
Brother Matthew M'Mahon, Superior of the Capucins of  
Limerick, caused me to be made July 8th, 1688.

' Benburb was the scene of several sanguinary battles between the Irish and English.

'It was here that in 1597 [?] Sir Henry Bagnall was shot through the head when engaged with the forces of the Earl of Tyrone.

'Again in 1601, 15th July, Tyrone's forces were here utterly routed by the British troops under Lord-Deputy Mountjoy.

'In 1646, June 5th, another bloody encounter took place here, when 3,000 of the British are said to have been killed by the Irish Army under Sir Phelim O'Nial.' [See Lewis.]

'The old church was built before 1619 by Sir Robert Wingfield, who also built the Castle of Benburb, long since dismantled and in ruins. Near it was found a signet ring, bearing the arms of Turlogh O'Nial; it is now [Lewis, 1833] in the possession of Mr. Bell, of Dungannon.'

Walter Hoare, Esq.; of the County Carlow, has a fine polished stone celt, and several more modern trophies from this battle-field.

### **Parish of Donacavey.**

[From the Reverend Richd. S. Maffett.]

'On a monumental slab, erected in memory of GILBERT ECCLES, Esq., of Shanock, County Fermanagh, in the old church in Fintona' :—

" NEC ANIMVS  
DEFICIT  
HOC CENOTAPHIVM CAROLUS I  
ECCLES DE FINTONAGH IN  
CO MITATV TYRONE ARMIGER |



FIERI FECIT IN MEMORIAM |  
 PATRIS SVI GILBERTI ECCLES  
 DE SHANOCK IN COMITATV |  
 FERMANAGH ARMIGERI QVI |  
 HONESTE VIXIT ET PIE OBIIT |  
 VI KAL : AVGVST : ANNO DOMI : |  
 MDCXCIV ÆTATIS SVÆ XCII : |  
 MEMENTO MORI.”

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**Donaghmore Church.**

Church of St. Michael, Castlecaulfield.

‘In this church there is a mural monument to the memory of the Reverend George Walker, the well-known hero of Derry in 1689’:

“READER

near this spot are interred | the relics of | THE REV. GEORGE WALKER, S.T.D., | formerly Rector of this Parish, | By whose vigilence and bravery | The City of L. Derry was defended | from the Enemies of William III. | and of Religion, | in the year MDCLXXXIX. | he was slain | on the Banks of the Boyne, | engaged in the same cause against the same Enemies | in the year MDCXC. | To whose memory | his yet most disconsolate widow | Erected this monumēnt | in the year MDCCIII.”

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A correspondent writes:—

“The Rev. George Walker is buried in St. Michael’s Church, his bones lie beneath the reading-desk. There is a large moniment in the south transept, with a Latin inscription, to his memory. The bones of his wife lie with his. When the transept was being added to the church, his remains were removed to the glebe while the foundations, &c., were being sunk, and were replaced in a brick vault built for the purpose.

“The Rev. George Walker was instituted to the Rectories of Donaghmore and Errigal-Keerogue in this county, on the 2nd of May, 1662; he was of English parents, but was born in the County Tyrone, he was created D.D. of Oxford, and is said to have been made Bishop of Derry, but this is an error.”



### **Parish of Termonmaguirk.**

‘This is the mother church of the parishes of Clogherny, Sixmilecross, and Drumnakilly.

‘The Gospel is said to have been first preached in this part of the County Tyrone by Columbkill in the sixth century, who is stated to have founded a religious establishment at Carrickmore, to which the “Termon” lands were granted as an endowment by some of the native chiefs, his relatives.

‘The ruins of the old church are still standing near the site of the present Roman Catholic chapel above the village.

‘The late Dr. Dixon, Archdeacon of Armagh, tells us that the original name of the first religious establishment was Termon Comyn (Tearmon Cuiminigh), a title which recalls the name of Cuimir, a sister of S. Columbus, and leads to the conjecture that there was a house of religious women originally connected with this Termon. This conjecture is strengthened by the existence of a singular burial-place among the rocks below the village of Carrickmore, which is called Relicknaman (Relig-namban), or “the burial-place of the women,” and of which it is commonly said in the neighbourhood, that it has never been entered by a *living* woman or a *dead* man.

‘About seven Irish miles S.W. of Carrickmore, and in the parish of Clogherny, there is the remains of a church called Donagh-a-nie, or the Church of the Horse; like all other Donaghs in Ireland it is said to have been founded by S. Patrick. The church stands on an eminence overlooking a small lake called Lough Patrick, and is surrounded by a well-enclosed graveyard, which is still used for interment.’

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The following is a list of the incumbents :—



LIST OF INCUMBENTS.  
PARISH OF TERMON MAGUIRKE.

| Parochial Clergy                     | Date of appointment   | Date of avoidance by death or resignation | By whom presented or collated                | Authority                                      |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>RECTORS AND PРЕBS.</b>            |                       |                                           |                                              |                                                |
| Neal M'Camml ...                     | ... 1367              | 1367 died                                 | Ap. of Armagh                                | Reg. Sweetman                                  |
| Maurice Cassidy ...                  | ... in or before 1440 | ... after 1455                            | ... Ap. of Armagh                            | do.                                            |
| Jn. M. Cathmayle or Camml            | ... 1544              | 1544 died                                 | ... Ap. of Armagh                            | Reg. Sweetman and Mey                          |
| Bernard Negwyanyn (?) ...            | ... 1435              | 1435 died                                 | ... Ap. of Armagh                            | Reg. Dowdall                                   |
| Wm. Sloddan ...                      | ... 1451              | ... Ap. of Armagh                         | ... Reg. do.                                 | do.                                            |
| <b>VICARS.</b>                       |                       |                                           |                                              |                                                |
| Dermot M'Gwyrke                      | ... 1435              | ... Ap. of Armagh                         | Reg. Octavian                                |                                                |
| Denis O'Luchran                      | ... in or before 1440 | ... Ap. of Armagh                         | do.                                          |                                                |
| Jon. McGirre ...                     | ... 1451              | ... Ap. of Armagh                         | Reg. Swagne                                  |                                                |
| Ioroy M'Connilton                    | ...                   | ... Reg. Mey                              | Reg. Mey                                     |                                                |
| <i>From Ref. to Divn. of Parish.</i> |                       |                                           |                                              |                                                |
| <b>RECTORS AND VICARS.</b>           |                       |                                           |                                              |                                                |
| Dan Clarke, A.B.                     | 1614                  | after 1628                                | Crown                                        | Patent Rolls                                   |
| Roger Blythe, A.M.                   | 1617                  | ... Ap. of Armagh                         | Ap. of Armagh                                | Visitn. Bk. Prerog. Off., State of Ch., T.C.D. |
| E. Brannond ...                      | bef. 1666             | ... after 1628                            | ... Reg. Off.                                | Reg. Off.                                      |
| Elias de Vostal de Rigna ...         | 1667                  | ... 1730 res.                             | F. Fruits' Off.                              |                                                |
| Adan Ussher, A.M.                    | 1679                  | 1730 died                                 | Vistn. Bk. Reg. Off.                         |                                                |
| Richd. Crump, A.M.                   | 1695                  | 1730 died                                 | Reg. Off.                                    |                                                |
| Charles D. Este, A.M., Archd.        | 1731                  | 1732 res.                                 | Sir T. Beresford and Sir J. Magill           |                                                |
| of Armagh ...                        | ...                   | 1732                                      | Mare Ld. Visct. Tyrone and Roht. Lowry, Esq. | Reg. Off. and First Fruits' Off.               |



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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| LICENSED CURATES ASSIST.                                                          |               |               |               |                                |                                     |                             |
| Dan Hyckes                                                                        | ... bef. 1622 | ... bef. 1622 | ... bef. 1622 | ... bef. 1622                  | ... bef. 1622                       | State of Ch., T.G.D.        |
| Jas. Boyle                                                                        | ... bef. 1688 | ... bef. 1688 | ... bef. 1688 | ... bef. 1688                  | ... bef. 1688                       | Visitn. Blk. Prerog. Office |
| Jon. Forbes                                                                       | ... bef. 1679 | ... bef. 1679 | ... bef. 1679 | ... bef. 1679                  | ... bef. 1679                       | do. do.                     |
| Archibald Wilson                                                                  | ... 1697      | ... 1697      | ... 1697      | ... 1697                       | ... 1697                            | Reg. Off. Reg. Off.         |
| <i>From Dis. of Pur. to Present Time.</i>                                         |               |               |               |                                |                                     |                             |
| RECTORS AND VICARS.                                                               |               |               |               |                                |                                     |                             |
| Jas. Howell, A.M.                                                                 | 1732          | 1740 died     | 1740 died     | Marc Ld. Visct. Tyrone         | Reg. Off. and F. F. Office          |                             |
| Guts Harman, A.M.                                                                 | ... 1740      | 1767 res.     | 1767 res.     | do.                            | do.                                 |                             |
| Honble. W. Beresford, A.M., son of Vict. Tyrone, affs. Abp. Tuam, Baro. Deices... | 1767          | 1780 res.     | 1780 res.     | Cath. Countess Dowt. of Tyrone | do.                                 |                             |
| Alexr. Staples                                                                    | 1780          | 1791 res.     | 1791 res.     | G. de la Poer, M. of Waterford | Reg. Off. Charles's "Ecc. Directy." |                             |
| Hugh Stewart                                                                      | ... 1791      | 1800 died     | 1800 died     | Marquis of Waterford           | Charles's "Ecc. Directy."           |                             |
| Ld. J. G. Beresft. (Primate)                                                      | 1801          | 1805 res.     | 1805 res.     | do.                            | do.                                 |                             |
| Henry Stewart                                                                     | ... 1805      | 1809 res.     | 1809 res.     | do.                            | Reg. Office                         |                             |
| Charles Cobbe Beresfd.                                                            | ... 1809      | 1850 died     | 1850 died     | do.                            | Charles's "Ecc. Directy."           |                             |
| Samuel Alexander                                                                  | ... 1851      | 1880 res.     | 1880 res.     | do.                            | Charles's "Ecc. Directy."           |                             |
| W. J. F. Whelan, B.D.                                                             | ... 1880      | 1886 res.     | 1886 res.     | Board                          | do.                                 |                             |
| Rev. J. W. Johnston                                                               | ... 1886      | 1890 res.     | 1890 res.     | do.                            | do.                                 |                             |
| J. M. Manawy, B.A.                                                                | ... 1890      | ...           | ...           | do.                            | do.                                 |                             |
| LICENSED CURATES ASSIST.                                                          |               |               |               |                                |                                     |                             |
| Gab. Richardson                                                                   | 1738          | 1821          | 1821          | (Present Rector)               | Reg. Off.                           |                             |
| Anketell Auchenleck                                                               | ... 1785      | 1833 res.     | 1833 res.     | Reg. Off.                      | Reg. Off.                           |                             |
| Andrew Christie, A.M.                                                             | ... 1821      | 1850 res.     | 1850 res.     | do.                            | do.                                 |                             |
| Sam. Alexr.                                                                       | ... 1833      | ...           | ...           | do.                            | do.                                 |                             |



LIST OF INCUMBENTS—*continued.*

## DISTRICT OF COOLEY, NOW SIXMILECROSS.

| Parochial Clergy       | Date of appointment | Date of avoidance by death or resignation | By whom presented or collated | Authority           |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Andrew Christie, A.M.  | 1837                | ...                                       | Rev. C. G. Beresford          | ...                 |
| Bell                   | ...                 | ...                                       | ...                           | ...                 |
| W. R. Weir             | ...                 | 1877 res.                                 | ...                           | ...                 |
| Rev. R. S. O'Longlin   | ...                 | 1887 res.                                 | Board of Nom.                 | (Present Incumbent) |
| Rev. R. S. G. Hamilton | 1886                | ...                                       |                               |                     |

## PERPETUAL CURACY OF DRUMNAKILLY.

| INCUMBENTS.        | 1844     | 1851 res. | Rev. C. G. Beresford |
|--------------------|----------|-----------|----------------------|
| Robt. Geo. Dickson | 1851     | ...       | Rev. S. Alexander    |
| Ed. Moore, A.B.    | ...      | ...       | ...                  |
| Rev. S. H. Simpson | ...      | ...       | ...                  |
| Rev. Jas. Porter   | 1879 (?) | ...       | Board of Nom.        |

## PARISH OF CLOGHERNY.

| RECTORS AND VICARS.                                             | 1732 | 1745 res. | Robt. Lowry, Esq.    | Reg. Off., F. F. Off. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Jas. Lowry, elected with Dr. Dobbs for Tullahog or Deserteright | ...  | ...       | R. Lowry, Esq.       | Reg. Office           |
| Richd. Dobbs, D.D., F.T.C.D.                                    | 1745 | 1775 died | Aimar C. Lowry, Esq. | Reg. Office           |
| John Lowry, son of 1st Rector                                   | 1775 | 1794 res. | Reg. Office          |                       |



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|------------------------------------------------|------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| James Lowry, son of preceding Rector           | 1794 | 1852      | Somerset Ld. Visct.                     | Reg. Office                           |
| Robt.V.Dixon, D.D., F.T.C.D., Arcdn. of Armagh | 1853 | 1886 died | Bchnore Prov. and Senior Fellows T.C.D. | Charles's "Ecl. Directory," Reg. Off. |
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*After Dissestablishment, 1870.*

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|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Wm. Percival Magee, B.A., the present Incumbt. (1886) | 1885      | 1888 res.      | The Ld. Primate | ...                                             |
| Rev. W. F. Stokes, M.A. ...                           | 1888      | 1889 res.      | Board of Nom.   | ...                                             |
| Rev. J. G. Burton, M.A. ...                           | 1889      | 1890 res.      | do.             | ...                                             |
| Rev. J. R. Sides, B.A. ...                            | 1889      | ...            | do.             | (Present Rector)                                |
| LICENSED CURATES ASSISTANT.                           |           |                |                 |                                                 |
| Alexr. Colhoun ...                                    | ...       | ...            | ...             | ...                                             |
| Alexr. Colhoun, son of former Geo. Wright ...         | ...       | abt. 1780 res. | ...             | Mrs. Barclay, grā. daughter of last Mr. Colhoun |
|                                                       | abt. 1780 | abt. 1786 res. | ...             | His nephew, Mr. H. Wright, of Moylagh           |
| Dan Lucas ...                                         | ...       | abt. 1786      | ...             |                                                 |
| Geo. Buchanan ...                                     | ...       | 1815           | abt. 1815 res.  | ...                                             |
| Michael Burke ...                                     | ...       | 1817           | 1817 res.       | ...                                             |
| Thos. C. Wade ...                                     | ...       | 1822           | 1822 died       | ...                                             |
| Arthur Young ...                                      | ...       | 1824           | 1824 res.       | ...                                             |
| Richd. Smyth ...                                      | ...       | ...            | died            | ...                                             |
|                                                       |           |                | ...             | ...                                             |

Copied from a list made by the Ven. R. V. Dixon, D.D.

[From the Rev. W. P. Magee.]



## C O U N T Y W A T E R F O R D .

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### **Parishes of Drumcannon and Kilbarry.**

“ Ann. 1615. The churches of Kilowre, Drownccanan, and Ilanikean are ruinus, the pishoners chardged with the reparacon of the bodies, and the King's tenant, Sir RICHARD AYLWARD, chardged with the reparacon of the chancells ; the cure dischardged by MORISH HARNEY, and the Church of Foilinge well repaired, and the cure dischardged by THOMAS QUOAN. N.B.—He was also treasurer.”—(Reg. Vis. Books.)

“ 1615. Drumcanon Rect. et Vicar. impropriat. idem firmarii idem MAURITIUS HARNEY, Curatus, eccliae et cancella ruinatae.”

“ Ann. 1667. Necnon Rector de Drumcannon infra Dioces. in nostram Waterford, per direlictum. THOM. POTTER, Sacr. Theolog. doctor ult. ibm. decan et Rector. vacu. et derelict. extiterint.”

“ THOMAS LEDSHAM, institut, et admiss. fuit 28<sup>o</sup> die Jnly, 1666, ad dignitat. sive dignitas eccliae Cathedral xae, et individuae Trinit. Waterford, necnon ad Rector integra. de Drumcannon, in Com. Waterford, et Dioc. Waterford, £20.”

“ DANIEL BURSTON, institut, et admiss. fuit 14<sup>o</sup> die Junii, 1670, ad et in Decanat. eccliae Cathedral. xae. Trinit. Waterford. necnon ad et in Rector. eccliae de Drumcannon, in Com. Waterford.”

“ The REV. EDWARD THOMAS, clke, was instituted and inducted in and to the vicarage of Rosmere, in the diocese of Lismore and County of Waterford, and was also instituted and inducted in and to the rectory of Druncannon, in the county and diocese of Waterford, the 26th day of April, 1743.”

“ DANIEL SANDOZ, V. Ballynakill, Ballygunner, Killmacleague, and Kilmacoombe, 27th June, 1749.”

“ DANIEL SANDOZ, Rect. Druncannon, Vic. Ballynakill, Ballygunner, Killmacleague, and Kilmacoombe.”

“ JOHN COOKE, instituted the 25th of August, 1798, Rec. Druncannon, Vic. Ballynakill, Ballygunner, Killmacleague, and Kilmacoombe.”

[Mason.]

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### **Parish of Lismore.**

NOTICES OF INCUMBENTS TAKEN FROM REGAL VISITATION BOOKS, AND  
THOSE OF THE FIRST FRUITS' OFFICE.

“ Rectoria de Lysmore, val. £120. Econismus Eccliae. Lismoren. dnus. RICHARDUS BOYLE miles. hii. vicarii singulos p. annos alternis vicibus inserviunt curae Ecclesiae Lysmorens pred. PETRUS CARIE Clericus Minister legens inservit curae Lysmore.”

“ JOHN SCOTT, A.M., presented by the Crown, Dean of Lismore, £13.”

[Mason.]



Scott's patent is dated June 11, 1796; he died at Bath in 1828, and was buried at Kilkane, County Kilkenny.—(Cotton's "Fasti.")

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### **Reisk Parish.**

' In the old churchyard are the arms of JAMES O'SULLEVAN, of Ballylegat, son of Robert O'Sullevan, descended from the ancient race of Beerhaven:—

*Motto*—“ Modestia victrix.”

*Arms*—1st and 2nd qr. 2 lions rampant, a snake wound round a sword held in a hand, between them a wild pig and a stag galloping, in 3rd and 4th quarters.

[Du Noyer, vol. viii., p. 34.]

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Incumbent, REV. HENRY ARCHDALL, 1779. He appears as Vicar in Erck's Register for the year 1830.

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#### INSCRIPTIONS ON ANCIENT CHALICES OF THE IRISH FRANCISCANS, STILL EXISTING IN THIS COUNTRY.

“ *THOMAS GRIFFIN, Presbyter, me fieri fecit, 1599.*”

‘ Thomas Griflin, Priest, had me made, 1599.’

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“ *Paupertas me fieri fecit ad usum P. F. AND. RUSSELL, Ord. Min., A.D. 1684.*”

‘ Poverty caused me to be made for the use of Father Andrew Russell, of the Order of Minors, A.D. 1684.’

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“ *DAN SINNOTT et F. LINICON, hunc calicem dono D. Conventui F.F. Min. Civitatis Waterfordæ. Denuo me fieri fecit F. PHELAN, 1774.*”

‘ Daniel Sinnott and Br. Linicon gave this chalice as a gift to the Convent of the Friars Minors of the City of Waterford. Br. Phelan caused me to be re-made, 1774.’



## C O U N T Y   W E S T M E A T H.

[From Isaac Butler's MS.]

**Foore.**

'Here there is a church in ruins & uncover'd. Near the east window there is a stone fixed in the wall with the following inscription':—

"THIS MONUMENT WAS BUILT  
BY ROBERT NUGENT, SON TO  
JAMES FITZ CHRISTOPHER OF  
BETEA, IN THE COUNTY OF  
MEATH, ESQ : FOR INTERRING  
OF HIMSELF AND HIS SUCCE-  
SORS AND IN SPECIAL MEMORY  
OF HIS WIFE ELINOR NUGENT,  
DAUGHTER OF EDWARD NUGENT  
OF BRACKLEN ESQ<sup>RE</sup> WHO DIED  
THE X<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF X<sup>BER</sup> ANNO  
DOMI 1683."

'On a stone in the corner of the wall near the former':—

"I.H.S.  
REMVML | FISIMVNS | EIRESUR |  
FĀI.XIII | <sup>^A</sup>OVEMB | 16 XIII." \*

'On a stone in the corner or body of the church':—

"Pray for MARGERY DELAMAR alias MORELY, daughter to RICHARD DELAMAR, of Ballnefid, Esq., and Relict of SIMON MORELY, of Dublin, Merchant, who erected this monument for her and posterity, particularly her eldest

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\* Could this be intended for:—Raymund Fitzsimuns, Esquire, . . . . . made (this) 13th of November, 1613? Some of the letters appear to be incorrectly copied.



son JOHN MORELY, deceased. Deceased the 21st of March, 1710, and MARY DALY als MORELY, Daughter to James Daley, of Killkillagh, Esq., deceased May the 11th, 1700." (Ye rest not legible.)

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'The roof of the church, with that of the Hermitage, is totally demolished. Over the north entrance there is a large stone, on which is raised a fowle, with a snake's tail and a ducal coronet under it, with the following inscription, which had all been gilt over with gold':—

**'THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
RICHARD NUGENT EARL OF  
WESTMEATH ERECTED THIS  
MONUMENT FOR THE INTERINGE  
OF HIMSELF AND HIS SUCCE-  
SORS. AND ALSO IN SPETIALL [sic]  
MEMORY OF MARY, COUNTESS  
OF WESTMEATH HIS WIFE, &  
CHRISTOPHER LORD BARON OF  
DELVIN HIS ELDEST SONN,  
WHICH SAID COUNTESS AND  
CHRISTOPHER ARE HERE UNDER  
INTERRED ANNO DOMINI 1680.'**

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**"THE RIGHT HONOURABLE |  
RICHARD NUGENT, EARLE | OF  
WESTMEATH AT HIS OWNE |  
EXPENCES REBUILDED THIS |  
CHAPLE AND CASTLE FOR |  
THE BURYING PLACE AND |  
PIOUS USE OF HIMSELF AND |  
HIS SUCCESSORS. ANNO |  
DOMINI 1680."**



' Lower down on the same side there is fixed in the wall a large stone. At the east end there is a crucifix, and two persons in a deplorable condition, one on each side. At the west end of the stone, an Anchorite in his proper dress with lifted up hands, all in bold relief. In the centre between both, the following inscription' :—

"EN EGO PATRICIUS BEGLE [Begly?] SACRÆ  
INCOLA EREMI [TA]. I HOC LAPIDUM  
TUMULO CONDOR HUMO REQUE [atque ?]  
CARO [cavo ?]. I RUPE SUB AE[R]IA  
MONUMENTO ET SEDE SACRATA |  
INTEMERATO ADYTO. TU [A] [VIRGO]  
SINE LABE DOMO. | QUISQUIS IS EST  
ERGO QUI CERNET SISTAT [:] VIATO[R] |  
DICAT - ERE[MI] INCOLAE SPIRITUS  
ASTR[A] PETAT. | A.D. 1616."

#### TRANSLATION.

'Behold I Patrick Begly the inhabitant of this holy hermitage am buried in the ground under this mound of stones. And (?) in a cherished monument under the aerial rock and (also) in an unsullied shrine in a holy place. Thou (Virgin) without stain. Whoever he is therefore who shall behold these (lines) let him stand (and) say : May the spirit of the indweller of the hermitage seek the stars. A.D. 1616.'

Owing to the MS. from which the above Latin inscription is printed being difficult to decipher in places, some doubts must remain as to the correctness of the inscription as above given, which also causes the translation to be doubtful.

The following is another translation of it, kindly sent me by a friend :—

'Lo, I Patrick Begle, the inhabitant of this holy desert, am buried in the ground beneath this heap of stones, and not in a hollow monument beneath a lofty rock, and in a blessed spot, a pure shrine thy house, O Immaculate. The traveller whoever he is, who shall see . . . . let him say : May the soul of this inhabitant of the desert reach the stars. A.D. 1616.'

'In the E. wall of St. Mary's Church, at FORE' :—

"Crest—A Cockatrice. Arms—Erm: two bars gul.  
Motto—"DECREVI."



“THIS . MONVMENT . WAS . FIRST .  
BEGVN . FOR . OLIVER . NVGENT .  
OF . BELENA . IN . THE . COVNTY .  
OF . MEATH . ESQ.. BROTHER . TO .  
THE . HONORABLE . RICHARD :  
LORD . BARON . OF . DELVIN . BY .  
CHRISTOPHER . NUGENT : HIS .  
SON . AND . HEIR : WHICH : OLIVER .  
DIED . 17 . OF . MARCH . 1589 . AND .  
WAS . HERE . ERECTED . AT . THE .  
COST . AND . CARE . OF . ROBERT .  
NUGENT . OF . CLONEGIRACH .  
AND . XPER . NT . GRAND .  
CHILDREN . TO . THE . S<sup>D</sup> . XPER .  
OF NICHOLAS . & ROBERT . SON .  
OF . OLIVER NT OF . WILLIAM .  
XPER . EDMOND . & . RICHARD .  
SONS . OF . JAMES NT . BOTH . NEPH  
EUS . TO . THE . S<sup>D</sup> . AND . OF .  
EDMOND . NT . GRANDCHILD . TO .  
THE S<sup>D</sup> . XPER . & . THOMAS .  
HIS . SON . FOR . THE . INTERRING .  
OF . THEM . & . THER . POSTERITY .  
ANNO . DOM 1689 . GOOD . XPIANS .  
PRAY . FOR . THESE . HERE  
INTERRD.”

[From G. Du Noyer's Notes, 1864.]



**Multifernan (sic).**

'On the left-hand in the church near the steeple, is fixed in the wall a large stone with five coats-of-arms. Over the 1st are the letters AN · IN · ; the 2nd WN · MT · ; the 3rd IN · EN · ; the 4th AN · EP · ; the 5th RM · MB · , and underneath the following inscription' :—

**"SUMPTIBUS IAC<sup>O</sup> NUGEN | T .  
FILII RICH<sup>E</sup> NUG DE DON | OWER  
QUI OB : 18 FEB A<sup>T</sup> O | DNI . 1615  
—W,N : B.N :"**

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'Under the east window in the chancell on a plate fixed in the wall, are the arms of Nugent and Cusack, and the mottoe' :—

**"DEGREVI . VI | RTUS . NOB- | [IL] IT ATIS ." |  
"IN DIEU . EST | MON . ESPO | IR ." |  
"ORATE PRO CHRISTOPH|R . O . NUGENT |  
ET DOMINA | ANNA CUSACK | 1629."**

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**"HERE LIETH THE BODIE OF  
CHRISTOPHER NUGENT LATE  
OF CORBETSTOWN, SECOND  
SONNE OF CHRISTOPHER .....  
OF DELVIN, WHO DECEASED  
THE THIRD OF JULI ANNO 1626,  
AND WAS MARRIED TO THE  
LADIE ANNE FORTH, ALIAS  
CUSACK WHO CAUSED THIS  
MONUMENT TO BE ERECTED  
FOR BOTH. FOR WHOSE SOULES  
LETT ALL THE FAITHFUL  
INTERCESS."**



' At the left-hand of the altar, a large raised tomb and the following on a shield' :—

" A bar indented, two lions passant in chief and one in base."

**" WILHELMIUS DE LAMAR | ARMIGER  
EREQUIT HUNC TUMU- | LUM PRO  
LETET SUIS, AN: DOM: 1684 |  
CUJUS PREDECESSOR WILHELMIUS  
DE LA- | MAR DE STREETE, MILES  
FUNDAVIT ED | [sic] AVIT HOC  
MONUMENTUM ANNO | DOMINI 1306."**

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### Castletown.

' In a small chapel which joins the church, on a gravestone :—

" Pray for the | soul of JAMES | GEOGHEG<sup>N</sup>, who | Dyed  
1st of May, 1737, aged 93 years. |

‡  
I. H. S.

Let envy snarl | say malice what | it would, | Here lyes  
the | courteous sensible | and good. | What have I said |  
here lyes—but mouldring clay | the three I spoke | to  
Heaven have wing'd | their way."

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†  
I. H. S.

" IMPENSIS W G."

' Near the south door of another chapel' :—

**" THIS CHAPPEL | WAS ERECTED FOR |  
JAMES WYER ESQ: | IN REMEMBRANCE OF |  
HIS SON DANIEL | WYER IN THE YEAR |  
1671."**

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' On another joyning the chancel of the church, on the cover on a large tomb, a coat-of-arms. *Motto*—" *Presto tibi servire* " :—

" This tombe was erected by MR. BRYAN GEOGHEGAN, of  
Carn, and his brother JAMES, out of their filial piety and [to?]   
their deceased Father, MR. KEDAIGH GEOGHEGAN, who  
departed this life Sptr. ye 10th, 1727, in ye 73 year of  
his age. Also ye body of MRS. ELIZABETH GEOGHEGAN,  
wife to Mr. Bryan Geoghegan, who died April ye 7th, 1723,



aged 33 years. Pray for the soul of MRS. MARY GEOGHEGAN, wife to ye said Kaid-Geoghegan, who died ye 29th day of 10ber in ye 77 year of his age, 1735."

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' In another, joining the former, on a great stone set upright against the wall. A coat-of-arms':—

*Motto*—“ Virtute Decora(n)tus.”

“ This monument was erected by JOSEPH BONYNGE, who dyed the 4th of March, 1719, in ye 95 year of his age. And of his mother ALICE BONYNGE als AYLMER, who died ye 2d of August, 1691, in ye 61 year of her age. And of his beloved son JOSEPH BONYNGE, of Grieve, who died ye 10th of August, 1730, in ye 34 year of his age, where also ye said Joseph designs to be interred with his beloved wife, JANE BONYNGE als GEOGHEGAN, and his family. Filius atque Pater conjux benigna nepotes his cumbpt fundas Lector Amice Dreece.”

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## C O U N T Y   W E X F O R D .

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### Parishes of Adamstown and Newbawn.

#### LIST OF INCUMBENTS, TAKEN FROM THE BOOK OF FIRST FRUITS' OFFICE.

“ Revdus. ROBERTUS ELLIOTT, S.T.D., collat. fuit 13 die Februi, Anno Domini 1717. ad archidiaconat. Dioc. Fernen. in Com. Wexford.”

“ JOHN ORR, A.M., Archdeaconry of Ferns, 27 Feb., 1757, with the Rec. and Vic. of Old and New Ross, and Rec. of Carnagh and Ballyane.”

“ CHARLES HEWSON, A.M., Archdeacon of Ferns, 14th August, 1767.”

“ WILLIAM BOYD, collated 10th May, 1777, Archdeacon of Ferns with its parishes.”

“ ROBERT BURROWES, D.D., instituted 4th February, 1796, Archdeacon of Ferns, &c., &c.”

“ EDWARD BARTON, A.M., collated 6th September, 1798, Archdeacon with the parishes of Adamstown and Newbawn.”

[Mason.]

### Ballycanew Church.

' Inscription on tablet :—

“ Sacred to the memory of the | RIGHT HONBLE. GEORGE OGLE, whose | transcendent excellencies both in | public and private life are best | recorded | Not | In the monumental inscription | But | In the history of his country | And | The hearts of his friends. | Erected by his grateful nephew | George Moore.”



NOTE.—‘The Right Hon. George Ogle, of Bellevue, County Wexford, was in many ways a remarkable and mysterious man. No one could tell anything about his antecedents or where he came from before he acquired large estates and became a permanent resident in the County Wexford. He seemed to have no relatives, but public report stated him to be the son of a royal personage. He was appointed a Governor of the County Wexford on the 23rd of March, 1778, the other Governors being Arthur Lord Viscount Valentia, Arthur Earl of Arran, and Charles Lord Viscount Loftus. As a great landowner and leading magistrate of the county, he occupied a very prominent position during the stirring events of 1798, and in that year he commanded the Shilmalier Infantry, who were known as “Ogle’s Blues.” He married a Miss Moore, stated to have been a daughter of William Moore, of Tuirahan, County Wexford, by his wife, Frances, daughter of Lorenzo Hodson, Esq., of Coolkenno Hall, County Wicklow. His lady is also stated to have been sister of Lorenzo Moore, M.P. for Ardsert, Ranger of the Curragh, Colonel of the Battle Axe Guards, who died a Major-General in 1837.

The Right Hon. George Ogle died without issue, and bequeathed his estates and other property to his wife’s nephew, George Moore, LL.D., of 14 Hume-street, Dublin, who represented the city in Parliament. This gentleman sold a great part of the County Wexford estates, and from him descend the family of Ogle Moore.’

[J. F. M. Ffrench, Clonegal.]

### **Parish of Enniscorthy.**

#### **LIST OF INCUMBENTS TAKEN FROM THE REGAL VISITATION BOOKS, AND THOSE OF THE FIRST FRUITS' OFFICE.**

“Ann. 1615, Enescorthy Rcor. imppr. WALTER DONGAN, firmar, cur. JONES. HUGH Ecclia & Cancella repata.”

“Enescorthy. va. £28 Rect. impropriat. DUDLEIUS LOFTUS miles firmer curat JONES. HUGHES, a sufficient minister. In good state church and chancel, &c.”

“MILESIUS SWEENEY, institut. fuit. 17° die December, 1675, ad Rector de Rossdroit et ad Vicar de Eniscorthii dioc. ffernen and Com. Wexford.”

“OLIVER CAREY, A.M., V. of St. Mary’s, Enniscorthy, and R. Templeshannon, R. Ballyhuskard, R. St. John’s, V. Clonmore, 16 June, 1767.”

“JOSHUA NUN, A.B., collated 11 Feb., 1778, V. St. Mary’s, R. Templeshannon, R. Ballyhuskard, R. St. John’s, V. Clonmore.”

“RICHARD RADCLIFFE, Clke., collated 13 May, 1802, V. St. Mary’s, Eniscorthy, R. Templeshannou, R. Ballyhuskard, R. St. John’s, V. Clonmore, Wexford.”

[Mason.]

### **Parish of Killlegny.**

#### **LIST OF INCUMBENTS, TAKEN FROM BOOKS OF THE FIRST FRUITS' OFFICE.**

“JOSHUA NUNN, Preb. of Coulstuff, Rector Killegny, R. Killany, 31 Oct., 1746, £10. 5s.”



"WILLIAM DICKON, collated 2d Aug., 1770, P. Coulstusse, R. Coulstusse, R. Killegny, Wexford."

"PHILIP HEYDON,\* collated 3 Dec., 1777, P. Coulstusse, R. Coulstusse, R. Killegny."

"SAMUEL FRANCIS, A.M., instituted 8 June, 1797, R. Killegny, Improper Cure Chappel n. t."

"JAMES B. GORDON collated 19 March, 1799, R. Killegny, Cur. Chappel, n. t."

[Mason.]

### **Parish of Killesk—Dunbrody Abbey.**

#### **LIST OF INCUMBENTS.**

"Abbathia als. Donbrody cum capella de Rucroe St. Ja. et Killosk specat. ad Precentorem JONES. ICHRINGTON, fir."

"Abbathia de Dunbrod. cum capellis de Pacroe St. James et Killeske Rector impropriat. JONES. ITCHINGHAM, firmar. Church and chancell looks well, and . . . . . order to be taken for a sufficient curate. Eccles circ. ann. 1615."

"THOMAS BURROW, A.B., Rect. Killeske, Vic. same 11 February, 1754, Wexford."

"GEO. GLASCOTT, instituted 14 March, 1781, R. Killesk, V. same Cur. Dunbrody, Balthro and St. James's, Wexford, rnt."

"WILLIAM GLASCOTT, collated 8 Sept., 1787, R. Killesk, V. same cure Dunbrody, Balthro, and St. James's, Wexford."

[Mason.]

'HARLEWIN, Bishop of Leighlin, was interred in the abbey church A.D. 1216, a great part of which he caused to be erected.' †

'Perhaps the most extraordinary instance of a sacrilegious plunderer that occurs in our ecclesiastical annals, is that of ALEXANDER DEVEREUX or DE EBROICO, the last Abbot of Dunbrody. By deed dated the 10th May, 1522, he granted to his relation, STEPHEN DEVEREUX, the town and villages of Battlestown, &c., &c., for the term of sixty-one years at the annual rental of twenty-two marks.'

[Grose.]

### **Kiltennell Parish.**

In this parish church there is some fine silver plate. A chalice, hall-marked W. H., with a crown over the letters; C, the date mark, is for 177 $\frac{3}{4}$ , or else for 174 $\frac{3}{4}$ , the shield being indistinct makes it difficult to determine which year is intended.

\* "Killed on or about 29 May, 1798."—Regy. of Ferns, vol. vi., f. 119.—[En.]

+ Other accounts say he was buried in the Cathedral at Leighlin, County Carlow.



Another and older chalice is inscribed :—

*" To ye Church of Kiltennell."*

The donor is not known.

The hall-marks consist of the maker's initials, J. W. ; S in a shield denoting the year 173 $\frac{3}{4}$ , and a harp and crown over it for Ireland.

The paten is marked in a similar manner.

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### **Parish of Ballygarrett.**

Donaghmore Old Churchyard stands over the sea ; the walls of the church are standing, full height.

The following names are to be found :—

PATRICK ESMOND, died 1798.

JAMES KENLEY, 1789, aged 70.

ENNIS'S, 1865, &c.

FISHER'S, 1830.

The Reverend LAURENCE MURPHY died February 25th, 1774, aged 36 years.

HUGH KEEGAN died March 28th, 1773, aged 98 years. Also his son, JOHN KEEGAN, departed May 16th, 1824, aged 103 years.

DENNIS LEARY died 1769, aged 63 years.

THOMAS BURCHAELS, 1787, aged 29 years.

MICHAEL REDMOND, 1784, aged 78, also his wife SHUSANNA [sic] REDMOND alias Kerevan, 1788, aged 80 years.

THOMAS MIDDLETON, 1816, aged 70 years. Also his wife aged 80.

&c., &c.

MARGARET OAKES, January, 1740.

FITZSIMONS, several.

CAIRN MURPHY, 1795, aged 62. Also his grandson, MIKEL CAIN.

JAMES BRIEN, 1773, aged 69.

MARGARET REDMOND, 1791, 42 years.

TIMOTHY BULGER, 1787, aged 60.

MARTIN REDMOND, of Kilinick (?), who died October ye 4th, 1779, aged 29. Also his Mother, ELIZABETH REDMOND, alias Wacligg, died 1780, aged 60.

His Father died 1781, aged 74.

Several other Redmonds.

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### **Killena Parish.**

Old burial-ground [Tomduff townland], now not used.

On a flat stone, much overgrown with grass :—



“[HERE] LIES MARY | WIFE TO  
 S<sup>R</sup> | WALSINGHAM | COOKE  
 KNIGHT | WHOE DIED THE |  
 XV<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER 1641 |  
 HERE ALSO LIETH | HER GRAND-  
 CHILD | WALSINGHAM PARSONS |  
 SECOND SONNE TO JOAN |  
 PARSONS ESQVIR WHO DIED  
 THE THIRD | OF AVGVST 1641 |  
 AND THIS VAVLT WAS MAD  
 BY S<sup>R</sup> WALSINGHAM COOKE  
 KNIGHT FOR A BVRIAL PLACE  
 FOR HIMSELF AND HIS |  
 POSTERITE THE XX<sup>TH</sup> OF  
 OCTOBER 1641.”

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[Ex Lodge, vol. ii., p. 67, 1754.]

PARSONS, EARL OF ROSSE.

‘Sir William Parsons elder brother to the first named Sir Laurence and ancestor to the Earl of Rosse. He came to Ireland in the latter part of Queen Elizabeth’s reign. . . . In consideration of his good & faithful service the King granted & confirmed to him 17 January 1617 the Lands of Torreduff, Douaghmore &c. in the County Wexford he to build within three years a Castle, or a Stone or Brick House, 30 ft. in Length, 24 in Breadth, & as many in Height with a Bawne & a Village upon the Premisses.

‘20th October 1619. He had a grant &c of Rectories of Churches or Chapels of Donaghmore, otherwise, Clascurrig, Killenuch, Ardmine, Kil-mocriffe, Killarrecoole & Killpatrick in the County Wexford, with those of Leourum otherwise Lorim, Ballana, Templeowdegan, Kilteynan & Clarigeyys in the County of Carlow. &c. &c. &c.

‘He married Elizabeth eldest daughter of John Lany Alderman of Dublin niece to Sir Geoffrey Fenton, & died Feb. 1650 leaving five sons & seven daughters:—Richard his heir apparent who died before him,



*John*, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Walsingham Cooke of Tomduffe in the County of Wexford, by his wife, the daughter & co-heiress to Sir Edw. Fisher of Fisher's Prospect property in that county, & had a son Arthur Parsons of Tomduffe & a daughter Elizabeth the first wife of Michael Hore of Monkstown Co. Dublin Esq. who died in 1685. *Arthur* married three wives, 1st Eleanor daughter of John Pennington S. James' St. Dublin, she died December 1st 1667. 2ndly Lady Bridget Fielding youngest daughter of George 1st Earl of Desmond (qy Denbigh), she died 20 July 1669. 3rdly Mary daughter of Moses Hill Esq. by whom he had Michael his heir. &c. &c. &c.

' Michael Parsons of Tomduffe Esq. married Clotilda the second of six daughters of Christian Bor of Drynoch Co. Wexford Esq. who m. in 1686, and died in 1700. He left Arthur his only son then about one year old who died in August 1701 & left William his uncle and heir who by his will dated 27 Feb. 1705 left his estate to Sir William Parsons of Birr Bart. and soon after died childless.'

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NOTE.—Sir Walsingham Cooke, of Tomduffe, County Wexford, was the eldest son of Sir Richard Cooke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, principal Secretary of State in Ireland, Clerk of the Crown and Council in the reign of James I., and patentee of 2,000 acres of escheated lands in the County Wexford. This Sir Richard Cooke was [grandson] of Sir Francis Walsingham, Secretary of State to Queen Elizabeth. He had two sons, viz.—Sir Walsingham Cooke (before mentioned), and William Cooke, who married Mary and Lettice Fisher, the daughters and co-heiresses of Sir Edward Fisher, of Fisher's Prospect, County Wexford, also a large holder of escheated lands. Sir Walsingham Cooke had a daughter and heiress, Elizabeth, who married John Parsons, son of Sir William Parsons (Bart.), who was in 1640, and subsequent years, one of the Lords Justices of Ireland, and who also was ancestor of the Earls of Rosse. This John Parsons had a son Arthur Parsons, of Tomduffe, Esq., who married three times:—1st Eleanor, daughter of John Pennington, Esq.; 2ndly the Lady Bridget Fielding, daughter of George first Earl of Desmond; and 3rdly Mary, daughter of M. Hill, Esq., by whom he had Michael, his heir, and William, who eventually succeeded to the estate and died issueless, having by his will, dated the 21st of February, 1705, made Sir William Parsons, of Birr (Bart.), his heir. A portion of this estate is still in the possession of the Parsons family. We now return to William Cooke, younger brother of Sir Walsingham Cooke. He had by his wife, Lettice Fisher, a son, Arthur Cooke, of Ballyknockane, County Wexford, who married Margaret, daughter of William Sacheverell, of Ballyknockane, who was descended from the Sacheverells, of Merley, in Derbyshire, of which family was the Rev. Doctor Sacheverell who acquired such a large amount of notoriety in the reign of Queen Anne. This family is also believed to be extinct in the male line.'

[J. F. M. Ffrench.]



## C O U N T Y   W I C K L O W .

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This is one of the counties that, for the first three years, appeared to take no interest in the work I am endeavouring to carry out; but a happy change has taken place, and it now contains several subscribers to the Fund, and some contributors of notes.

I trust that during the present year an increased number of subscribers may be found, and that a large addition of monumental inscriptions and other churchyard notes may be sent me.

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### **Parish of Ballynure.**

[From A. Vicars, Esq., F.S.A.]

“Here Lies the Body of JAMES | HARRINGTON of Grangecon Esqr. | Regrettd By all who Knew Him | Obiit 20th October 1790. Aged 84. | Also The Body of His son James | Who Died 22nd December 1766. | Aged 55. Erected by His Wife | Margt. Harrington.”

“This stone | was found in  
the | Nave of this Church |  
when under Repairs | 1870.”

[Brass.]

“Sr. Henry Harrington Knt. grandfather. | To the above  
1632, Aged 82.”

“The above is on a slab in wall of tower (inside), Ballinure church. The centre part is on a brass plate inserted in slab. Capitals have been written where they occur on slab, &c.”

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In the churchyard :—

“Sacred to the memory of | DAVID MAHONY, ESQR., | of  
Grange Con, in the County of Wicklow, | who departed  
this life the 14th of June, 1844, | aged 49 years. | In  
token of the many virtues which endeared him to her  
This tribute of | her affection is erected By his | devoted  
and afflicted widow.”

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“Here also rest the remains of | MARGARET MAHONY, | (By  
whom this monument had been raised | in memory of her



husband DAVID MAHONY, | Daughter of WILLIAM PERRY,  
of Gambonstown, | County of Tipperary, Esqr.) | She  
departed this life at Cannes, | 11th April, 1859."

*Arms on the above monument.*

Quarterly, 1st and 4th or, a lion ramp. az. 2nd per pale arg. and gu. a  
lion ramp. counterchanged, 3rd arg. a chev. gu. betw. three snakes erect,  
wavy, sa. (Mahony). On an inexocheon Per pale arg. and or. on a bend ?  
cotised ? three lions pass. ? (Perry) (tinctures not described—query if  
this Perry coat is correctly represented).

*Crest*—Issuant out of a coronet of 9 balls a dexter arm embowed,  
vambraced grasping a sword in bend sinister ppr. piercing a fleur-de-lys or.



In closing Vol. I., it affords me much pleasure to be able to announce to my readers that the Rev. James F. M. Ffrench, F.R.S.A.I. and M.R.I.A., has kindly consented to act with me in editing future volumes of this work.

Mr. Ffrench's name is so well known in connection with the *Journal* of the R.S.A.I., to which he has been a valuable contributor, that it is scarcely necessary for me to dwell on the advantages that the work I have hitherto endeavoured to carry on, must derive from his aid. He has been for five years (ever since it was started) an active and warm supporter of the work, and has at various times afforded me valuable assistance.

The work has latterly become so enlarged, that I no longer feel myself able to devote the time and attention to it that it requires and deserves, from its nature and the great variety of MS. Notes sent me by numerous correspondents, requiring, I regret to say, in many cases, to be transcribed by me, before going to the printer. The assistance of a fellow Editor has become very necessary, and I look forward with confidence to the issue in future of Reports of great interest to the subscribers; and may I hope that those kind friends who have hitherto aided me in carrying on this work, will still continue to support me in the effort I am making (with their assistance) to preserve the Monumental Memorials of the Dead in Ireland.

PHILIP D. VIGORS.

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